

**Government of India
Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports
Department of Sports**

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †1912

TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.08.2023

Pension to Sportsperson

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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to offer gainful employment to the retired sportspersons and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government also proposes to start a pension scheme for sportspersons representing the country in international competitions;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details and the number of schemes/awards announced by the Government along with the number of recipients during the last three years and the current year, State/UT and sports-wise?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

[SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR]

(a): Yes Sir. The Sports Authority of India (SAI), an autonomous organization under Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports is having a separate cadre of Coaches. All the Coaches recruited in SAI are sportsperson. Out of 3560 sanctioned post, 1524 are sportsperson by virtue of their engagement as coaches. Out of 1524 Coaches 5% posts are reserved for Olympians and 1% for Paralympians at the entry cadre. Also, 3% posts are reserved for Medal Winning Olympians or for those with representation in two Olympic Games and 2% posts are reserved for medal winning Paralympians in the grade of Coach (Level-10).

As a part of Government's vision to strengthen the sports ecosystem in the country at the grass root level, a low-cost, effective Sports training mechanism has been developed wherein the past "Champion Athlete" become Coaches and Mentors at Khelo India Centres. At present, 635 past champion Athletes have been engaged in various Khelo India Centres across the country.

(b) and (c): The Government is already implementing the Scheme 'Sports Fund for Pension to Meritorious Sportsperson' with objective to provide assured monthly income through annuity for outstanding sportspersons. Under this Scheme, a monthly pension ranging from Rs.12,000/- to Rs.20,000/- is provided to the ex-sportspersons for winning medals at Olympics, Paralympics, World Cup/World Championships (held Once in 4 years), Asian Games, Asian Para Games and Commonwealth Games.

(d): The Government confers National Sports Awards under various categories namely, Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award, Arjuna Award, Dronacharya Award, Dhyan Chand Lifetime Achievement Award, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Trophy and Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puraskar. The number of recipients of the National Sports Awards conferred during the last three years is available on Ministry's website at <https://yas.nic.in/>.
