

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2568
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.08.2022**

Pension to the Retired Sportspersons

†2568. SHRI VIVEK NARAYAN SHEJWALKAR:

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

- (a) whether the Government is providing pension to the retired sportspersons for their livelihood;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the number of sportspersons getting pension in Madhya Pradesh;**
- (c) whether there is any increase in this pension over time; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
[SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR]**

(a) and (b): Yes sir. The Government is implementing the Scheme of Pension to Meritorious Sportsperson with an objective to provide assured monthly income through annuity for outstanding sportspersons. Under the existing Scheme, a monthly pension

ranging from Rs.12,000/- to Rs.20,000/- is provided to the ex-sportspersons.

Currently, 829 ex-sportspersons are receiving benefits under the Scheme. State-wise list is not maintained in the Department.

(c) and (d): Yes Sir. The amount of pension to the ex-sportspersons has been increased over the years. The existing rates of pension are as under:-

S. No.	Category of meritorious sportspersons	Rate of Pension (Rs./per month)
1	Medalists at the Olympic Games / Para Olympic Games	20,000
2	Gold medalists at the World Cup/World Championship* in Olympic and Asian Games disciplines	16,000
3	Silver and Bronze medalists at the World Cup* in Olympic and Asian Games disciplines	14,000
4	Gold medalists of the Asian/ Commonwealth Games/Para Asian Games	14,000
5	Silver and Bronze medalists of the Asian/ Commonwealth Games/ Para Asian Games	12,000

This amount of monthly pension was last revised on 07.06.2018 wherein the amount under each category was doubled from the earlier existing amount.
