

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2108
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.08.2024**

Government Job Opportunities for Medal Winner Sportspersons

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

(a) whether the Government and State Governments have purpose job opportunities to medal winning Sportspersons in Khelo India, National and International competitions, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of policies and opportunities that facilitate the placement of medal-winners in Central Government jobs;

(c) the number of sportspersons who have been successfully placed in Central Government jobs during the last five years including those from Himachal Pradesh State and details of Departments or Ministries they have been placed in, placement-wise, sports-wise and type of jobs;

(d) whether there is any specific quotas or reservations for Khelo India winners in Central Government job;

(e) whether the Government plans to expand the Khelo India initiative to create more job opportunities for young athletes across various sectors, if so, the details thereof; and

(f) whether the Government has any plans or proposals to enhance the placement of the medal-winner Sportspersons?

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
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(a) to (d): Reservation under sports quota is governed by the consolidated instructions issued by the Department of Personnel & Training (DoP&T), vide their OM No. 14034/01/2013-Estt.(D) dated 03.10.2013, on Incentives for sportspersons in Government of India. The Government of India provides reservation upto 5% of direct recruitment vacancies in Group 'C' and erstwhile Group 'D' for meritorious sportspersons as per 'Sports Quota Policy'. Khelo India Medal winners are eligible for recruitment under this quota.

Sports Authority of India (SAI), an autonomous organization under Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports has a separate cadre of coaches. All the coaches recruited in SAI are sportsperson. The posts are also reserved for Olympians and Paralympians for recruitment. In the entry cadre i.e. Assistant Coach, 5% are reserved for Olympians, and 1% are reserved for Paralympian

Moreover, across the country, local Past Champion Athletes (PCA) have been engaged to coach sports persons at the Khelo India Centres set up at the district level under the Khelo India Scheme. A total of 918 PCAs (683 Males and 235 Females) are working as coaches in these Khelo India Centres. The data on jobs provided under sports quota is not centrally maintained. As per DoP&T OM No.14034/1/2020-Pers.Policy(D) Pt.Vol.II dated 04.03.2024, Khelo India Medal winners are eligible to be considered for recruitment under Government service.

(e) and (f): No such proposals are under consideration.
