

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO - 2140
TO BE ANSWERED ON- 09.12.2024**

Arjuna Award to Ball Badminton Players

2140 Shri S Venkatesan:

Will the Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports be pleased to state:

- (a) whether no Ball Badminton player has been awarded Arjuna Award since 1984;**
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;**
- (c) whether applications are received from the players for the same and if so, the total number of applications received so far, year-wise;**
- (d) the details of reasons for not considering those applications;**
- (e) whether Ball Badminton Federation of India (BBFI) has been apprised of the reasons and advised to develop the players; and**
- (f) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
(DR. MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)**

(a) to (d): Government administer the Arjuna Awards as per the extant “Scheme for the Arjuna Awards For Outstanding Performance in Sports And Games” (Amended as on 14.10.2024). Further, to help the Government in finalization of Arjuna awards, a national level Selection Committee comprising of eminent sportspersons/coaches/administrators is appointed. No application has been received from the sportsperson of Ball Badminton discipline in last 2 years for Arjuna Award.

(e) and (f): The “Scheme for the Arjuna Awards For Outstanding Performance in Sports And Games” (Amended as on 14.10.2024) has been widely circulated and placed on the website of this Ministry. As per the extant scheme, sportspersons can self-apply for Arjuna Award through the dedicated portal developed by this Ministry without the need of any recommendation from any authority.
