

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1573
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.02.2026**

Financial Support for Retired Sports persons

1573. Shri Shafi Parambil:

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

(a) whether the Government has any financial assistance scheme to support retired sportspersons who didn't have any Government job;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons for not extending financial support to the struggling retired sportspersons in the country?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

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(a) to (c): Yes Sir. A scheme namely 'Scheme of Sports Fund for Pension to Meritorious Sportspersons' already exists under which sportspersons, who have won medals for the country in international competitions are given lifelong pension to provide additional financial security after their retirement from active sports careers. Under the existing Scheme, a monthly pension ranging from Rs.12,000/- to Rs.20,000/- is provided to the ex- sportspersons.

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

***World Cup/World Championship held once in four year only shall be considered.**

Further, the Ministry implements RESET programme which aims at bridging the gap between generations, allowing the unique skills of our retired athletes to benefit the new generation of aspiring athletes. Their rich experience aims to serve as a foundation for nurturing future champions, contributing to the growth of sports in India and fostering nation-building.
