

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)**

LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1410
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.05.2016**

All India Sports Council for Deafs

1410. SHRI RAM CHARAN BOHRA:

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

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to give recognition to All India Sports Council for Deaf (AISCD), if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and**
- (b) whether the Government has any other scheme(s) to promote differently abled sportspersons of the country and if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS AND
SPORTS
(SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL)**

(a) Madam, All India Sports Council for Deaf (AISCD) has already been accorded recognition by the Government as a National Sports Federation (NSF) for promotion of sports among deaf athletes. Also, Government has placed deaf sports under 'Priority' category for providing financial assistance under the Scheme of 'Assistance to National Sports Federations'.

(b) Yes, Madam. Financial assistance is given to the recognized NSFs including those for the differently-abled sportspersons for conducting national/international events in India, organizing coaching/training camps for the national teams, participation in international events abroad, engagement of foreign coaches, equipment support, etc under the 'Scheme of Assistance to NSFs'. Government is also implementing the scheme of sports and games for persons with disabilities for training of coaches and holding of competitions. Further, Scheme of Arjuna Award provides that at least one award is given exclusively for sports for

physically challenged. Under the Scheme of Pension to Meritorious Sportspersons, medal winners in Paralympics games are eligible for life-long monthly pension. Under the Scheme of Special Awards to Medal winners in international sports events and their coaches, medal winners in international sports events of Para sports, Blind sports, Deaf sports and Special Olympic Sports are eligible for cash awards.
