

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS  
LOK SABHA**

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FACILITIES TO SPORTS PERSONS  
PUNNULAL MOHALE

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

- (a) the facilities/incentives being provided by the Government to the sports persons participating in the sports at the International level;
- (b) whether different norms have been prescribed for the sports persons playing different sports for according incentives;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the facilities provided for the sports persons playing karate?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI PON. RADHAKIRISHNAN)

(a) In order to prepare the sportspersons and teams for International sports events, intensive coaching camps, latest equipments, services of foreign coaches and experts, in addition to Indian coaches and scientists are provided to sportspersons participating in the sports competitions at the International level. In selected disciplines, Govt. also provide air fare, boarding, lodging, entry fee and misc. expenses like airport tax, visa fee etc.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) In order to prioritize sports disciplines for special focus and work out differential pattern of assistance based on status and performance, various sports disciplines have been categorized in three parts:

I) Priority- In this category, such sports discipline are listed which are included in Olympic, Commonwealth and Asian Games or such other sports for which internationally recognized tournaments are held in which at least twenty countries participate, subject to fulfilment of the following conditions:-

- a) Sports in which the current standards are at or close to international competitive levels; and
- b) Where the teams or individuals are likely to win medals in future.

II) General- Sports, which are included in Olympic, Commonwealth and Asian Games and where there is a proven aptitude but which is not yet close to international competitive levels.

III) Others- In this category such sports are listed which are not covered under the above mentioned Priority and General Categories.

(d) The Karate discipline at present comes under `Others` Category for which Government provides assistance towards organizing National Championships only.

Government has provided air travel, boarding, lodging & miscellaneous expenses including pocket allowance towards participation of the Karate team in the 14th Asian Games held at Busan from 29th September to 14 October, 2002.