

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:220
ANSWERED ON:07.08.2000
PERFORMANCE OF INDIAN WOMEN WEIGHTLIFTERS
MADHAVRAO SCINDIA;RENUKA CHOWDHURY

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

- (a) whether performances of the Indian team of women weightlifters which won over 65 medals in the Asian Championships in 1995 has been declining fast since 1996;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor along-with their comparative performance in the subsequent Asian and other international championships indicating the positions held by Indian women weightlifters;
- (c) the steps taken/being taken to improve India's position in this field; and
- (d) the annual central allocation of funds for women sports during each of years starting from 1995 to 2001?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS AND MINES (SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 220 7.8.2000 REGARDING PERFORMANCE OF INDIAN WOMEN WEIGHTLIFTERS BY SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA AND SI RENUKA CHOWDHURY

(a) & (b): No Sir. The overall performance of women weightlifters has generally shown an improvement over the years and the number of women weightlifters who have secured position among first five in the Asian Championships have ranged between 4 in 1995 and 7 in 2000. A comparative Statement of performance is given at Annexure. However, the performance at the World Championship held in Athens in November, 1999 was not as per expectations. One of the reasons for this was some technical errors and strategic mistakes committed by the then Coach of the team. India secured 1st position in the Asian Junior Championship in 1999 winning 1 Gold and 3 Bronze Medals and again 1st Position in 13th Asian Senior Championship held in May, 2000 by winning 1 Gold, 1 Silver and 1 Bronze Medals.

(c): Government is providing all assistance as admissible under its various schemes for promotion of Weightlifting with emphasis on Women weightlifters keeping in view their potential for winning medals at international level. Sports Authority of India (SAI) is organizing coaching camps for seniors for 300 days in a year and 200 days for juniors with all facilities of boarding/lodging, training kit and scientific and technical back up and training through best Indian and foreign coaches/experts. Apart from this assistance towards foreign exposure, holding International Tournaments in India, equipment and for organizing National Championships at senior, junior and sub-junior level is provided as per the provision of the Guidelines for Assistance to National Sports Federations.

(d): All the schemes of the Government are for both men and women sports persons and the assistance is extended to both on identical scales. However, there is a scheme of National Sports Festival for Women implemented by SAI on agency basis. The details of expenses incurred for holding of this festival during 1995-2000 is indicated below:

Year Expenditure

1995-96	Rs. 31,58,000
1996-97	Rs. 15,13,489
1997-98	Rs. 27,42,723
1998-99	Rs. 24,17,106
1999-2000	Rs. 33,56,804

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN PARTS (a) & (b) OF THE STATEMENT OF REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.220 FOR REPLY ON 78.2000

POSITION OF INDIA'S WOMEN WEIGHTLIFTERS IN ASIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS 1995-2000

Position	1995	1996	1997	1998	2000	
Gold	2	-	-	1	-	1
Silver	-	1	1	2	1	1
Bronze	1	1	1	1	2	1
4TH	1	4	-	-	-	2
5TH	-	-	-	1	-	2
TOTAL	4	6	6	5	3	7