

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

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SCHEME TO ENCOURAGE SPORTSPERSONS
Khan Shri Sunil

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

- (a) whether the Government has implemented any scheme to encourage sportspersons without resources to become a future Olympian;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the amount spent for the purpose during the last three years; and
- (c) the success achieved so far as a result thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS (SHRI SUNIL DUTT)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Government in this regard has been implementing the following two schemes for training as well as participation of sportspersons in international competitions, including the Olympic:

(i) Assistance to National Sports Federations :- Under this scheme, National Sports Federations are provided with financial assistance for organization of National championships, conduct of coaching camps, provision of equipment support, participation of athletes in international tournaments and engagement of foreign coaches and experts for elite sportspersons. The total amount spent under the scheme during the last three years is Rs. 93.53 crores.

(ii) Scheme Relating to Talent Search and Training :- Under this scheme, financial assistance upto Rs. 5.00 lakhs is sanctioned to a promising sportsperson, who has equalled or excelled the existing national record or is a gold medallist of last National championship or is a medallist of Asian/Commonwealth Games/Afro-Asian Games/Olympic Games/World Championship in different sports disciplines for undergoing training abroad, purchase of sports equipment, obtaining scientific support, and for training and participation in tournaments in the country and abroad. The total amount spent under the scheme during the last three years is Rs. 2.47 crores.

(c) The implementation of these schemes has enabled a number of sportspersons from humble backgrounds to participate in international competitions including the Olympics and bring laurel for the country.