

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

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INCREASE IN GRANT TO SPORTS FEDERATION
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government had increased the grant to Sports Federations and sanctioned more annual foreign trips without any achievements at Olympic level;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the quantum of increase given during each of the last three years, Federation-wise;
- (d) whether there is any proposal to review the said decision keeping in view the performance;
- (e) if so, the details thereof;
- (f) whether the Government is aware that the offices of some of the Federations are being run from the official residences allotted to their Presidents; and
- (g) if so, the action the Government propose to take in the matter?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) : In 2001 the Scheme - `Guidelines to Assistance to National Sports Federation` was revised and, among other things, the number of foreign exposures for sportspersons in Junior and Sub-Junior categories were increased as under:-

- i) Junior teams in priority category - one additional exposure at full cost
- ii) Junior teams in general category - two exposures at full cost against one at full cost and one at air passage cost.
- iii) Sub-Junior teams in priority and general category - additional one exposure at full cost and one at air passage cost.

This increase aimed at promoting excellence in sports right from the junior/sub-junior ranks.

In addition, quantum of assistance for conducting national and international championships/events was revised upwards as under.

National Championship: Rs.2.00 lakhs, Rs.4.00 lakhs and Rs.6.00 lakhs for holding Senior, Junior and Senior National Championships respectively from Rs.1.00 lakh, Rs.2.00 lakhs and Rs.3.00 lakhs.

International Championship: For World Cup/World/Commonwealth/Asian Championship Rs.10.00 lakhs against Rs.5.00 lakhs and for other international tournaments Rs.6.00 lakhs from Rs.3.00 lakhs.

An out-of-pocket allowance @ US\$ 20.00 per day/person for sportspersons taking part in major international events like Olympic/Asian Commonwealth and SAF Games was also sanctioned as incentive for better performance.

(c) Under the Scheme `Guidelines for Assistance to National Sports Federations` the total expenditure incurred was Rs.29.75 crores; Rs.34.99 crores and Rs.30.76 crores respectively for the years 2001-2002; 2002-2003 and 2003-2004.

(d) & (e): Yes, Sir. A proposal to enhance the out-of-pocket allowance for sportspersons taking part in the Olympic Games is under consideration.

(f) & (g) : Yes, Sir. However, except in cases where offices are rented out in the premises of Sports Authority of India, the Government has no role in the allotment of offices to sports federations.