

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

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO SPORTSMEN /ATHLETES  
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**Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government provides financial assistance to the young sportsmen/athletes;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the amount disbursed so far during the last three years, State-wise;
- (a) if not, whether the Government has received any requests from any sportsmen/athletes for financial assistance; and
- (e) if so, the action taken by the Government on such requests?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) STATISTICS & PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION, YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS AND OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS ( SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES )

(a)& (b): The Government provides financial assistance directly to young sportsmen/athletes for advance training and participation in international competitions under the following schemes:

(i) Scheme relating to Talent Search & Training : Under this scheme, financial assistance of upto Rs. 5.00 lakh is provided to promising sports persons as per identified performance criteria.

(ii) National Sports Development Fund : Under this scheme, financial assistance is provided for promotion of sports in general & specific sports disciplines & individual sports persons in particular for achieving excellence at National & International level.

(c) to (e): The financial assistance to sportspersons is not provided state-wise but on the basis of his/her performance. The financial assistance provided to the sportspersons/athletes during the last three years under these schemes is as under:

(Rupees in lakhs)

Name of the scheme	Financial Assistance Released		
	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05

Talent Search & Training	79.78	112.97	146.81
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National Sports Development Fund	17.50	122.11	62.26
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