

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has created any National Sports Development Fund for promotion of sports and games in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the funds utilized for developing sports in the country so far;
- (c) the total amount available at present in the said Fund and the details of the plans proposed to be introduced for the promotion of sports and games in the country;
- (d) the amount contributed to the National Sports Development Fund during the years 2003-04 and 2004-05 by various industrial houses;
- (e) the details of contributions made specifically to promote Olympic disciplines;
- (f) the manner in which this Fund has been utilized during the last two years; and
- (g) the steps taken to augment the said Fund?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) : Yes, Sir. The National Sports Development Fund (NSDF) was created in 1998 for the development of sports in the country with an initial amount of Rs. 2.00 crore with the following objectives:

- (i) to administer and apply the moneys of the Fund for promotion of sports in general and specific sports disciplines and individual sports persons in particular for achieving excellence at the National and International level;
- (ii) to impart special training and coaching in relevant sports disciplines to sports persons, coaches and sports specialists;
- (iii) to construct and maintain infrastructure, as may be required for promotion of excellence in sports;
- (iv) to supply equipment to Government and Non-Governmental Organizations and individuals with a view to promoting excellence in sports;
- (v) to identify problems and take up research and development studies for providing support to excellence in sports;
- (vi) to promote international cooperation, in particular, exchange which may promote the development of indigenous sport and human resources as also the activities which are within the amount of Exchange Programmes entered into between India and other countries; and
- (vii) to provide low interest or interest free loans for projects and activities related to any of the aforesaid objects.

So far an amount of Rs. 2.66 crore has been spent on training of elite sportspersons and prospective medal winners for their training abroad.

(c) At present, a sum of Rs. 5.84 crore is available under the fund. This Fund is to be primarily used for providing specialised training to key sportspersons for promotion of excellence.

(d) & (e) : Contribution of Rs. 19.46 lakh was received during 2003-04 and of Rs. 20.00 lakh was received in 2004-05 from various sources including Industrial Houses. No contribution has been made by any contributor specifically to promote Olympic disciplines during 2003-2004. During 2004-2005 Puzzolana Machinery Fabricators, Hyderabad has contributed Rs.4.00 lakhs for promotion of Archery, which is an Olympic discipline.

(f) During the last two years, the Government has released financial assistance to elite sportspersons and prospective medal winners

from the NSDF for their training abroad. Apart from this funds, have also been provided from NSDF to Rural Development Foundation for development of Archery in rural areas.

(g) The Ministry has requested various Industry bodies such as FICCI, CII, ASSOCHAM etc; Public Sector Banks and Undertakings to contribute to the Fund for development of sports in the country. Apart from this, the Ministry also collects funds through distribution of flags on National Sports Day.