

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3128
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SCHEME FOR NURTURING FUTURE OLYMPIANS
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has implemented any scheme to promote the deprived sportspersons to become future Olympians;
- (b) if so, the details thereof ;
- (c) the amount spent on this scheme during the last three years, year-wise ; and
- (d) the outcome of the scheme?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ AND YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) to (d) : The promotion of sports is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments and the National Sports Federations (NSFs). The Government of India supplements the efforts of the State Governments and NSFs through a number of schemes which are indicated in the Annex, including the National Sports Development Fund, Assistance to Promising Sportsmen under the Scheme for Talent Search and Training, Scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations and the various schemes of Sports Authority of India are aimed at providing support in various forms to promising sportspersons including, 'deprived sportspersons', to achieve excellence in international events.

ANNEX ANNEX REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3128 FOR 23.8.2006 REGARDING SCHEME FOR NURTURING FUTURE OLYMPIANS ASKED BY SHRI ANANT GUDHE

The Government of India runs the following schemes to promote and provide incentives for sports activities and sportspersons in the country.

1. Scheme relating to Incentives for the Promotion of Sports Activities, which has the following components:

- (a) Sports Fund for Pension to Meritorious Sportspersons
- (b) Promotion of Sports and Games in Schools
- (c) Rural Sports Programme
- (d) Sports Scholarship Scheme
- (e) National Sports Development Fund

2. National Welfare Fund for Sportspersons

3. Scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations

4. Assistance to Promising sportsmen under the Scheme for Talent Search and Training

5. National Sports Championship for Women

6. Scheme for State Sports Academies

7. The Government of India also gives awards under different schemes to individuals and institutions. These include the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Awards, Arjuna Awards, Dronacharya Awards, Dhyan Chand Award for Life Time Achievements in Sports and Games, Special Awards to Winners in International Sports Events and their Coaches and the Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Trophy for Universities.

In addition, the Sports Authority of India implements the following sports promotion schemes in the country:-

1. National Sports Talent Contest (NSTC)

2. Army Boys Sports Company (ABSC)

3. SAI Training Centre (STC)

4. Special Area Games (SAG) Scheme

5. Centre of Excellence (COX).