

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3183  
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SPORTS PROMOTION SCHEME  
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**Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Union Government is considering to launch a sports promotion scheme for rural women sportspersons in the country;
- (b) if so, the main features of the scheme;
- (c) whether the State Governments are to be associated in the implementation of the scheme; and
- (d) if so, the time by which this scheme is likely to be launched?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (b): The National Sports Championship for Women and the Special Scholarship for Women are available to talented women sportspersons, including rural women sportspersons. The main features of these two schemes are detailed in the Annex.

Besides, the following schemes of the Sports Authority of India (SAI) also promote women's participation in sports.

1. National Sports Talent Contest (NSTC)
2. SAI Training Centre (STC)
3. Special Area Games (SAG) Scheme.
4. Centres of Excellence (COX).

(c) & (d): State governments are consulted by SAI while processing proposals under these Schemes.

ANNEX

ANNEX REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3183 FOR 23.08.2006 REGARDING SPORTS PROMOTION SCHEME ASKED BY SHRI RANEN BARMAN

I. NATIONAL SPORTS CHAMPIONSHIP FOR WOMEN

The scheme started in 1975, aims at promoting sports amongst women. Under the scheme, national level competitions are preceded by holding of lower level competitions (Block, District & State level) for which States/ UTs are provided financial assistance as per norms. The scheme is implemented through the Sports Authority of India. The pattern being followed at present for Central financial assistance

is as under:

- i) For Block level competitions Rs. 1000/- per block
- ii) For Distt. level competitions Rs. 3000/- per Distt.
- iii) For State level Competitions Rs. 10,000/- per State
- iv) For smaller States and UTs Rs. 5,000/- per State or U.T.

However, Central financial assistance for block level competitions is restricted to 60% of total blocks where competitions are held in a State and for the remaining 40% of the blocks, the State concerned is advised to share the full expenditure.

## II. SPECIAL SCHOLARSHIPS FOR WOMEN

Special scholarships for women these scholarships have three components, namely; Scholarship for senior women champions, under which scholarship @ Rs.1000/- per month i.e. Rs.12,000/- per annum is provided. Scholarship for women doing diploma in sports coaching at a SAI center, under which scholarship @ Rs.6000/- per course is awarded. Scholarship for women doing M. Phil./Ph.D. in Physical Education under which scholarship @ Rs.6000/- per annum is awarded for a maximum period of 3 years.

The scheme has recently been revised with the following enhancement in the rates of scholarships. State level Scholarship (Category - I), @ Rs.550/- per month i.e. Rs.6600/- per annum (12 months) National level Scholarship (Category - II) @ Rs.700/- per month i.e. Rs.8400/- per annum (12 months). University/College level Scholarship (Category -III) @ Rs.850/- per month, i.e. Rs.10,200/- per annum (12 months). Scholarship for senior women champions, @ Rs.1500/- per month, i.e. Rs.18,000/- per annum. Scholarship for women doing diploma @ Rs.7,500/- per course. Scholarship for women doing M. Phil/Ph.D. @ Rs.10,000/- per annum.