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Title: Need to increase the stipend for wrestlers.

SHRI DUSHYANT CHAUTALA (HISAR): I would like to urge the Government to increase the stipend being provided to wrestlers and develop the existing *akharas* under the Sports Authority of India. Wrestling is one of the indigenous sports of the country, but now it is not being given proper importance by the government. The players were given over the last 10 years a mere stipend of Rs. 1000 which is not enough to meet even the travelling allowance. Hon'ble Minister had informed in his written answer on 11.08.2015 that in order to create a broader base for modern wrestling the Sports Authority of India has adopted 32 *akharas* with about 15-20 wrestlers each. But in reality, the *akharas* are provided very limited facilities and Rs.1000/- stipend provided to the wrestlers is very low. Besides other facilities, the diet for wrestlers is more essential than any other sportsperson. Therefore, I request the government to enhance the amount of stipend for wrestlers from Rs. 1000/- to Rs. 3000/- per month and allocate more funds for the development of *akharas* running under the Sports Authority of India.