

**Government of India  
Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports  
Department of Sports**

**LOK SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO. 339  
ANSWERED ON 24.03.2025**

**Welfare Schemes for Sportspersons**

**\*339. Shri Janardan Singh Sigriwal:**

**Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:**

**(a) whether the Government proposes to formulate any scheme for the welfare of Indian sportspersons of National and International level;**

**(b) if so, the details thereof along with the welfare schemes formulated for the purpose; and**

**(c) the quantum of funds spent for the welfare schemes/programmes meant for sportspersons of said level during the last three years and the current year?**

**ANSWER  
THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS  
[DR. MANSUKH MANDAVIYA]**

**(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.**

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 339 TO BE ANSWERED ON 24/03/2025 REGARDING 'WELFARE SCHEMES FOR SPORTSPERSONS' BY SHRI JANARDAN SINGH SIGRIWAL, HON'BLE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT**

**(a) & (b): Sir, 'Sports' being a State subject, the responsibility for promotion and development of sports, including welfare of sportspersons, rests primarily with the respective State/Union Territory (UT) Governments. However, the Union Government (Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports) supplements their efforts through its various welfare schemes/programmes, which implemented across the country, namely,**

**(i) 'Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay National Welfare Program for Sportspersons' which provides suitable financial assistance ranging from ₹2 lakhs to ₹10 lakhs to the sportspersons / coaches and their dependent family members living in indigent conditions, for treatment of injury during training and competitions, welfare of the sportspersons, procurement of sports equipment and participation in events etc.**

**(ii) "Scheme of Sports Fund for Pension to Meritorious Sportspersons" provides additional financial security to sportspersons post retirement from active sports career in the form of life-time pension ranging from ₹12,000/- to ₹20,000/- per month. The sportspersons, who are retired from an active sports career and won medals in Olympic Games, Paralympic Games, World Cup, World Championships, Asian Games, Para Asian Games and Commonwealth Games, are eligible for life-time pension under the scheme.**

**(iii) The Ministry has launched the Retired Sportsperson Empowerment Training (RESET) Programme on 29.08.2024, which aims at facilitating retired athletes' career development by providing them tailor-made education for their academic enhancement supplemented with internship and empowering them with the necessary knowledge and skills for their transition into a suitable career option. The RESET Programme also aims at addressing the existing human resource gap in the sports sector.**

**The details of above said schemes/programmes are available at website of**

**Department of Sports, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.**

**(c) Details of funds spent for Welfare Schemes/Programmes meant for sportspersons are as under: -**

	Name of the Scheme	Expenditure	
1.	Scheme of Sports Fund for Pension to Meritorious Sportspersons	Financial Year	Amount (In ₹)
		2021-22	6.70 Cr
		2022-23	4.70 Cr
		2023-24	5.54 Cr
		2024-25 (Up to 21.03.2025)	3.83 Cr
2.	Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay National Welfare Program for Sportspersons	2021-22	1.57 Cr
		2022-23	1.07 Cr
		2023-24	1.07 Cr
		2024-25 (Up to 21.03.2025)	0.65 Cr
		Grand Total	

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