

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI PRATIK PRAKASHBAPU PATIL): (a) and (b) The Ministry operates a regular cash award scheme for meritorious performance in Asian Games, Commonwealth Games, Olympics, World Championships and Asian Championships. Accordingly, all national athletes who won medals at the Commonwealth, Games 2010 will be entitled to receive cash awards under the scheme, as per details given in the table below:

Medal	Amount of award money
Gold	Rs.20 lakh
Silver	Rs.10 lakh
Bronze	Rs.6 lakh

Medal winners in team events are entitled for award money not less than 50% of individual award money.

#### **Athletes pulled out of CWG**

2620. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of top athletes pulled out of Commonwealth Games 2010 thereby reducing the attractions of the games in a top global event;

(b) if so, the details thereof and reasons assigned by them in each case; and

(c) how far reasons assigned by each was justified and response of India to them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI PRATIK PRAKASHBAPU PATIL): (a) to (c) No, Sir. However, some athletes did not come due to their prior commitments. In total, 6572 athletes and officials from 71 Commonwealth Nations participated in the Commonwealth Games (CWG), 2010, which was the highest number of participants in any CWG held so far.

#### **Salary for coaches**

2621. SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that coaches employed by Sports Authority of India are being paid less than peon getting in the Authority;

- (b) if so, whether Government propose to revise these wages suitably; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI PRATIK PRAKASHBAPU PATIL): (a) to (c) While regular coaches at the lowest level in Sports Authority of India (SAI) get the Pay scale of Rs. 9300-34800 with Grade pay 4200/- which is much higher than the pay scale of peons viz. Rs. 4440-7440 + GP1300, the consolidated remuneration of contract coaches is Rs. 15,660/- per month, which too is higher than the entry level pay of peons. There is no proposal now to revise the pay of SAI coaches.

#### **Contract awarded for CWG**

2622. SHRI Y.S. CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that for providing various equipments at various stadia and sports village for CWG, tenders were invited in a manner to favour foreign companies and to eliminate Indian companies;
- (b) the details of contracts awarded to foreign companies;
- (c) whether it is a fact that such foreign companies executed their contract by procuring the goods/equipment from Indian companies;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether it is a fact that because of this the country was made to pay for its own goods in valuable foreign exchange and if so, the action contemplated by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI PRATIK PRAKASHBAPU PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

- (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.
- (c) to (e) The Organizing Committee, Commonwealth Games has informed that they have no information in this regard.

#### **Investigation in scams of CWG**

†2623. SHRI RANBIR SINGH PARJAPATI: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the details of expenditure incurred so far on Commonwealth Games 2010 are going to be posted in newspapers and on websites, so that people of the country can access it;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.