

1	2	3	4	5
26.	Computer Operator	4	0	4
27.	Account Clerk Typist	688	474	214
28.	UDC	6	5	1
29.	LDC	30	12	18
30.	Driver	70	43	27
31.	MTS	578	581	-3
	TOTAL	1468	1136	332
	GRAND TOTAL (A+B+C)	2273	1498	775

#### Sports scholarship for budding athletes

2816. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government, taking cognizance of the poor state of financial support to budding athletes, aims to provide more sports scholarships to them;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has plans to increase the amount of current scholarships being provided for similar purposes; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL): (a) Department of Sports does not provide any scholarship to any sportsperson. However, budding athletes are supported for their training via various schemes of the Ministry and Sports Authority of India (SAI).

(b) to (d) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

#### Promotion of sports for persons with disability

2817. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to promote sports opportunities for persons with disability;

- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the measures Government has taken to promote sports for visually impaired people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL): (a) and (b) Government launched a Scheme of sports and Games for the Disabled in 2009-10. Under the Scheme, financial assistance is provided to School/Institutes to engage coaches for sports training of disable students and also procurement of consumable and non-consumable sports equipment. Besides, grant is also given to Special Olympic Bharat (SOB), and Lakshmibai National Institute of Physical Education (LNIPE), Gwalior to organize coaches training/Masters Trainers' course and sports competitions in selected sports disciplines at District, State and National level to promote the potential of disabled persons in sports and games.

Apart from the said scheme, various other schemes of the Government like (i) Scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations (NSFs), (ii) Scheme of Special Awards to medal winners in international sports events, (iii) Recognition by way of conferment of Arjuna Awards, Dronacharya Awards, Dhyanchand Awards, (iv) Scheme of National Sports Development Fund, etc. *inter-alia*, include disabled sportspersons as well wherein their welfare and promotion is catered to.

Further, it has been informed by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Department of Disability Affairs that in the Twelfth Five Year Plan document, a scheme on establishment of a Centre for Disability sports is included for which ₹20 crore has been earmarked for the Plan period.

(c) Financial assistance provided to Schools/Institutes to engage coaches for sports training of disable students under the scheme of Sports and Games for the Disabled includes Schools/Institutes for visually impaired as well. Further, assistance has been provided by the Government for the conduct of World Cup Cricket 20-20 for the Blind in India during 2012-13 and for participation of the Indian team in the World Cup Cricket tournament held in South Africa in 2014. Cash awards of ₹5 lakh each have been given to 17 Indian players who participated in the said World Cup Cricket tournament, 2014 on winning the tournament.

#### **Potential of sports in tribal areas of Chhattisgarh**

2818. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware that there is a huge potential of sports in tribal