

paid to meritorious sportspersons under the provisions of Scheme of 'Sports fund for Pension to Meritorious Sportspersons' has been revised on 7.6.2018 and made effective from 1.4.2018. After revision, the rates of pension have been doubled. The revised rates of pension are as under :

Sl. No.	Category of meritorious sportspersons	Rate of Pension (₹ / per month)
1.	Medallists at the Olympic Games/Para Olympic Games	20,000
2.	Gold medallists at the World Cup/World Championship* in Olympic and Asian Games disciplines	16,000
3.	Silver and Bronze medallists at the World Cup in Olympic and Asian Games disciplines	14,000
4.	Gold medallists of the Asian/Commonwealth Games/Para Asian Games	14,000
5.	Silver and Bronze medallists of the Asian/Commonwealth Games/ Para Asian Games	12,000

*World Cup/World Championship held once in four years only are to be considered.

(c) to (e) As the revision in rates of pension has been done only recently, there is no proposal to revise the rates of pension being paid to meritorious sportspersons.

Leadership development among youth

2872. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has devised any campaigns targeted towards increasing leadership skills amongst the youth of India;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of the programmes undertaken by the Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD), which aims towards leadership development;

(d) whether Government has plans to expand the model of RGNIYD throughout India and impart leadership development training to students of higher secondary level; and

- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (COL. RAJYAVARDHAN SINGH RATHORE): (a) and (b) Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India has taken several initiatives and carried out certain targeted interventions towards increasing leadership skills among the youth of India. Some of the programmes include:-

- i. National Programme for Youth and Adolescent (NPYAD) Scheme which has a component namely 'Youth Leadership Personality Development Training' to develop leadership qualities, national character, comradeship and personality development among the rural youth.
- ii. NYKS conducts programmes such as Training on Youth Leadership and Community Development and Nationwide Declamation contest on Patriotism and Nation Building to develop leadership and increase leadership skills amongst the youth and to make them responsible citizens.

Necessary campaigns for conduct of these programmes are held.

(c) Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development at Sriperumbudur is conducting various programmes towards increasing leadership skills amongst the youth. During the last two years, RGNIYD conducted the following programmes :- (i) Workshop on Constituency Management; (ii) Conference on youth Development; (iii) Training of Trainers (ToT) on Life Skills and Personality Development; (iv) Consultation for Rejuvenation of Youth Clubs; (v) Aakash Lecture: Youth Leadership Development through Social Action; (vi) Entrepreneurship and Rural Development: An exposure visit for delegates from 19 countries; (vii) Workshop on Turning Ambitions into Reality, Training on Leadership and Personality Development through Adventure Sports, etc.

(d) and (e) Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD) is a statutory institution incorporated under RGNIYD Act, 2012 (No. 35 of 2012). It imparts instructions for specified academic degrees. Youth from all over India participate in the programmes conducted by RGNIYD subject to selection process. It conducts various training programme for NSS/NYKS officers and trainees in vplunteerism. Besides, the participants invited also belong to the higher secondary level. It has a regional centre at Chandigarh.