

Harnessing experience of retired persons in sports

1089. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) details of policies undertaken by the Ministry to increase the pension of retired sportspersons in different sports/games; and

(b) innovative methods being implemented to harness the experience of the retired sportspersons and measures to retain them, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI KIREN RIJU): (a) Pension of sportspersons has been doubled with effect from 1.4.2018 under the Scheme of Sports fund for Pension to Meritorious Sportspersons. After doubling the pension amount is as below:

Sl. No.	Category	Monthly Pension (in Rs.)
1.	Medallists at the Olympic Games/Para Olympic Games	20,000
2.	Gold medallists at the World Cup/World Championship (which are held once in 4 years) 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

(b) Retired sportspersons are provided service opportunities against sports quota in Central Government and its entities. Retired sportspersons are also supported to set up academies and coaching facilities under National Sports Development Fund.

Rajiv Gandhi National Institute for Youth Development

1090. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) details of steps taken by Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development for promoting youth development, especially in Jharkhand; and