

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS  
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2394  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.08.2021

**Underfunding of resources in sports industry in India**

**2394 Shri Sanjay Singh:**

Will the **Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the National Sports Development Fund saw a reduction from ₹77.15 crore (about \$10.4 million) in 2019-20 to ₹50 crore (about \$6.75 million) in 2020-21;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that there has been a significant reduction by almost 40 per cent from the previous financial year in budgetary support for meritorious sportspersons; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**  
**THE MINISTER FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS**  
**[SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR]**

(a): The budgetary allocation for National Sports Development Fund (NSDF) is made for matching contribution of Government's share to NSDF. Allocation of Rs. 50.00 crore for NSDF during 2020-21 was considered sufficient as Government's matching share, keeping in view the likelihood of contribution from donors during 2020-21.

(b) & (c): The Government provides financial assistance to meritorious sportspersons under three schemes viz. Scheme of Cash Awards to Medal Winners in International Sports Events and their Coaches; Pension to Meritorious Sportspersons and Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay National Welfare Fund for Sportspersons. The total budget provided at Budget Estimate stage under these schemes during the previous financial year i.e. 2020-21 was Rs.70.00 crore which was revised to Rs.32.00 crore at Revised Estimate stage. For the current Financial Year 2021-22, the total budget provided under these schemes is Rs.55.00 crore.

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