

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)
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ANSWERD ON- 28/07/2022

PROMOTION OF BOXING

1434. SHRI DHANANJAY BHIMRAO MAHADIK:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has taken steps to improve and promote women boxing among young girl aspirants and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of federations/bodies responsible for the administration and promotion of boxing in the country;
- (c) whether boxing sport has been severely affected by disputes/problems in various federations/bodies responsible for administration/promotion of boxing;
- (d) if so, the steps taken/being taken by Government to streamline the boxing administration and restore its credibility; and
- (e) the other steps being taken by Government for promotion of boxing sports in the country?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

(SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR)

(a): While the primary responsibility for promotion and development of boxing among young girls is that of Boxing Federation of India, being the recognized National Sports Federation (NSF) for the sport of boxing, the Ministry supplements the efforts of Boxing Federation of India for promotion of boxing including among women through its various Schemes.

Sports Authority of India is implementing the following Sports Promotional Schemes to promote various sports including boxing among young girls across the country to identify talented sportspersons in the various age groups and nurture them to excel at national and international competitions:-

- National Centres of Excellence (NCOE)
- SAI Training Centre (STC)
- Extension Centre of STC
- National Sports Talent Contest (NSTC)

For promotion of boxing among women, 356 (residential & non residential) talented Girls are being trained under Sports Promotional Schemes of SAI.

Further, the following SAI centres are operational exclusively for women boxers:-

- 1) STC Mayiladuthurai (Tamil Nadu) with 6 Athletes.
- 2) STC Solalgaon (Assam) with 18 Athletes.
- 3) Extension Centre of STC Varanasi (BHU) (Uttar Pradesh) with 18 Athletes.
- 4) STC Peddem (Goa) with 23 Athletes.

The selected trainees are provided financial support in the form of expert coaches, sports equipment, boarding and lodging, sports kit, competition exposure, educational expenses, medical/ insurance and stipend as per the approved scheme norms.

Women boxers are also being supported under the Ministry's Scheme of Assistance to NSFs, Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS).

Further, under Talent Search and Development Component of Khelo India, athletes are selected to increase the bench strength by providing them support for training to participate in National and International Competition including Olympic. Currently, 79 Women Boxers are being supported under Talent Search and Development Component of Khelo India.

Under "Sports for Women" component of Khelo India, assistance of Rs. 3 crore was provided to the Boxing Federation of India for conduct of AIBA Women's World Boxing Championship in New Delhi – 2018. Further, Women domestic Leagues are conducted across disciplines to increase domestic competition exposure, a platform for talent identification and increase participation of women in sports.

(b) to (d): In the year 2012, the Government decided to withdraw the recognition of Indian Amateur Boxing Federation, which was responsible for promoting boxing sport in the country. In the year 2016, for promotion and development of boxing in the country, the Government recognised Boxing Federation of India (BFI) as National Sports Federation. The recognition of BFI has already been renewed for the year 2022. The Government supplements the efforts of BFI by providing financial assistance under the Scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations for training and participation of Indian teams in international tournaments abroad, holding of national and international teams/sportspersons under Indian and foreign coaches with requisite technical and scientific back up.

(e): Other Schemes of the Ministry, namely Human Resource Development in Sports, Pension for Meritorious Sportspersons, Special Cash Awards for Medal Winners in International Sports Events, Sports Awards are equally applicable for promoting boxing and incentivizing the boxers for their achievements and honouring them for their achievements.
