



**PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, WOMEN,
CHILDREN, YOUTH AND SPORTS**

PRESS RELEASE

The Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Education, Women, Children, Youth and Sports headed by Dr. Vinay P. Sahasrabudhe, M.P., Rajya Sabha presented the 327th Report on Action Taken by the Government on the Recommendations of the Committee contained in its Three Hundred and Seventeenth Report on the subject “Preparation for Olympic Games, 2021” of the Department of Sports, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports to both the Houses on 6th August, 2021. The Three Hundred and Seventeenth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Education, Women, Children, Youth and Sports was presented to Rajya Sabha and laid on the Table of Lok Sabha on 24th December, 2020. Action Taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in the Report was received on 11th March, 2021 and updated Action Taken by the Government was received on 23rd June, 2021. The Committee made a total of 48 recommendations, out of which 17 recommendations were accepted by the Government. In view of the Government’s replies, the Committee decided not to pursue with 29 recommendations. The Committee has not accepted the replies of the Government on 2 recommendations made by the Committee and hence the Committee has made further recommendation thereon.

The Report was adopted by the Committee on 5th August, 2021.

The Report is also available on <https://rajyasabha.nic.in/>

Recommendation of the Committee

Sportspersons who bring laurels to the country need to be honoured as they are a collective pride of the nation. Further, sports being fitness intensive, sportspersons are able to remain in high form and take part in major competitions for a limited period and thereafter some career option/opportunity needs to be devised for meritorious sportspersons, who have won medals not only in Olympics but other major international and national sporting events. The Committee therefore recommends that the Department should take concerted efforts for ensuring sustainable employment opportunities for all meritorious sportspersons. The Committee again recommends that there should be an assured 3% sports quota reservation in govt jobs for all medal winning athletes and also for the period of unemployment, the Department should grant financial aid to the athletes.

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Recommendations of the Committee

Sponsorship in the field of sports has the potential of providing much needed support for infrastructure development and better performance by the sportspersons. In its 311th report on “Khelo India Scheme”, this Committee had recommended that the Public Private Partnership mode for creating sports infrastructure in the country be adopted and focused strategies to rope in public-private sector are needed, as has been done in the State of Odisha, where the State Government and corporate sector have come together to fund ten high performance centres like hockey, badminton and shooting etc. The Committee in its collective wisdom has appreciated the initiative and efforts taken by Shri Naveen Patnaik, Hon’ble Chief Minister of Odisha in setting up the High Performance Sports centres and sponsoring both men’s and women’s Hockey team through Hockey India since 2018, which has translated into better performances by both these teams at Tokyo Olympics 2020.

The Committee, therefore, further recommends that with a view to continue this momentum in sports performance, apart from getting corporate sponsorship, every State should be encouraged to focus on one sport specific to that region besides taking up other

sports in general and create and develop High Performance Sports Centres on the line of Odisha model. They should also identify and promote the raw talent from a tender age and provide them with the much needed support of international standards in terms of equipment, sports kit, coaching (team and individual), exposure and mental conditioning in order to nurture them for participation and podium finish at the international level.

[Para 6]