

# **Sports Ministry to implement Welfare Scheme for Sportspersons**

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The Sports Ministry is planning to start a Welfare Scheme for National Sportspersons who have brought laurels for the Country in the past but are now living in penury.



(Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, Sports Minister, GOI)

Shri Sarbananda Sonowal said: "The Ministry is implementing a scheme named 'National Welfare Fund for Sportspersons' under which there is a provision for ex-gratia financial assistance to outstanding Sportspersons of yesteryears, now living in indignant circumstances whose annual income is less than Rs.2 lakh."

The Ministry is also planning to give monthly pensions to Olympians and National Players, who won Medals at the International level. Under the Scheme, Olympic Medallists would be given a pension of Rs.10,000 per month, while the Gold Medallists at the World Cup / World Championships in Olympic and Asian Games disciplines will get Rs.8,000.

Silver and Bronze Medallists in World Cup / World Championships in the Olympic and Asian Games disciplines and Gold Medallists of the Asian and Commonwealth Games will get Rs.7,000.

Silver and Bronze Medal winners in the Asian Games and Commonwealth Games will get Rs.6,000 while Gold Medallists of Paralympic Games will get Rs.5,000. Silver and Bronze Medallists of Paralympic Games will get a monthly pension of Rs.3,000.

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