

**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports**  
**Department of Sports**

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**SCHEME OF SPORTS FUND FOR PENSION TO MERITORIOUS SPORTSPERSONS**

(Amended as on 1.7.2008)

**1. Preamble**

This is one of the most important schemes of the Government of India in the realm of sports. It has been designed to give a clear cut message to all those talented sportspersons who want to become champions at the international levels that Government would back appreciation of their achievement with concrete life-time assistance in the form of a pension. Government is already operating the scheme of National Welfare Fund for Sportspersons under which assistance is mainly rendered for sportspersons in indigent circumstance. It was however felt that a clear cut policy to recognize specific outstanding achievements in the Olympic, Commonwealth Games, Asian Games and World Cup/ World Championships in Olympic/Asian Games disciplines of all sportspersons acquiring specific degree of excellence would go a long way in enabling the sportspersons to devote themselves unstintingly to their chosen sports. The need for assured monthly income through annuity for outstanding sportspersons has become imperative due to the fact that sportspersons spend prime of their youth in pursuit of intensive training, sacrificing other beneficial opportunities normally available. The assured monthly income will be a compensation for the opportunities spurned by them in pursuit of their high ambition and achievement in sports.

Those sportspersons who are eligible under the scheme, details of which are enumerated here, are invited to contact the Department of Sports, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports to enable them to get immediate benefit of the Scheme.

**2. Name**

The Scheme shall be called "Sports Fund for Pension to Meritorious Sportspersons".

**3. Aims and Objectives**

To provide incentive as well as an added measure of financial security to sportspersons in recognition of their outstanding performance in identified international competitions i.e., Olympic Games, Commonwealth Games and Asian Games and World Cups/World Championships in Olympics and Asian Games disciplines and Para-Olympic Games

**4. Extent of Application**

The Scheme will be applicable to sportspersons, who are Indian citizens and have won Gold, Silver or Bronze medals in Olympic Games, World Cup/World Championships in Olympics and Asian Games disciplines, Asian Games, Commonwealth Games and Para-Olympic Games.

The rate of monthly pension will be as follows :

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S. No.	Category of meritorious sportspersons	Rate of Pension (Rs./per month)
1	Medallists at the Olympic Games	10000
2	Gold medallists at the World Cup/World Championships in Olympic and Asian Games disciplines	8000
3	Silver and Bronze medallists at the World Cup/World Championships in Olympic and Asian Games disciplines	7000
4	Gold medallists of the Asian/Commonwealth Games	7000
5	Silver and Bronze medallists of the Asian/Commonwealth Games	6000
6	Gold Medallists of Para-Olympic Games	5000
7	Silver medallists of Para-Olympic Games	4000
8	Bronze Medallists of Para-Olympic Games	3000

**Note: I**

All payments shall commence from the date the Scheme coming into force and no arrears shall be payable for the period prior to that date.

**Note: II**

A sportsperson availing of the pension under this Scheme will not be deprived of financial benefits/scholarships/ex-gratia/ grants or any other monetary benefit admissible to him/her from any other source and, vice-versa, any sportsperson availing of any such benefit will not be deprived of the admissible pension under this scheme.

**Note: III**

The pension shall be payable to a sportsperson on his or her attaining the age of 30 years and will continue during his/her life time provided that the sportsperson at the time of applying such pension would have retired from an active sports career. An undertaking to this effect will have to be given by the sportsperson in the application from itself.

**5. Operation of the Scheme**

The Scheme will be operated through a Fund, named as "Sports Fund for Pension to Meritorious Sportspersons". For the management and administration of the Fund, a General Committee shall be constituted consisting of the following members, namely: -

(i)	Minister for Youth Affairs & Sports	Chairperson
(ii)	Secretary, Department of Sports, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports	Member
(iii)	Financial Advisor, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports	Member
(iv)	Director General, Sports Authority of India	Member
(v)	President, Indian Olympic Association	Member
(vi)	A representative of Life Insurance Corporation of India	Member
(vii)	Joint Secretary, Department of Sports, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports	Member

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Rules for the operation of the Fund will be framed by the General Committee and approved by the Government.

**6. Sources of the Fund**

1. By contribution to the Fund from National Welfare Fund for Sportspersons
2. By contribution and donations received from Private and Public Corporate Companies/Institutions.
3. Government Grant

7. To get the pensionary benefits, eligible sportspersons have to apply in prescribed proforma (as per enclosed Annexure) duly recommended by the concerned National Sports Federation.

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**Annexure**

Sports Fund for Pension to Meritorious Sportspersons

(Application Form for Pension)

(To be submitted in duplicate)

1.	Name of the applicant (in capital letters)	
2.	Father/Husband's Name	
3.	Postal Address (in capital letters)	
4.	Date of birth <i>(Attach documentary proof)</i>	
5.	Discipline of sports and the event in which participated	
6.	Achievement	
	(a) Olympic Games	
	(b) World Cups/World Championships in Olympics and Asian Games disciplines	
	(c) Asian Games	
	(d) Commonwealth Games	
	(e) Para-Olympic Games	

**UNDERTAKING**

1. I do hereby solemnly declare and affirm that the particulars mentioned above are correct.
2. I also undertake that income tax liability, if any; accruing as a consequence of the above pension payments will be my sole responsibility and accountability.
3. I also undertake that I have retired from the active sports career.

Date:

(Signature of the Applicant)

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Recommended for grant of Pension of Rs.....as per provisions of the Scheme, "Sports Fund for Pension to Meritorious Sportspersons", Department of Sports, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India.

Signature of the Recommending Authority

Or

(President or Secretary of the concerned National Sports Federation)

Or

(Deputy Secretary/Director, Sports Department on behalf of the State Government)

(To be furnished in a separate sheet attached to the Application)

Name

Specimen signature of the applicant (Duly attested)

1.....

2.....

3.....

(Signature)

Name of the Attesting Officer.....

Designation.....

Address.....

(Seal)

The signature of the applicant is to be duly attested by a Gazetted Officer whose name, designation and full address should be clearly mentioned.