

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS
(DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL & TRAINING)

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 588
(TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.07.2017)

RESERVATION FOR SPORTSPERSONS IN SERVICES

588. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI:

Will the **PRIME MINISTER** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has made any provision for reservation for meritorious sportspersons in various posts in Government departments and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government has issued any guidelines for recruitment under the said quota by the authorities concerned and also proposes to increase the quota and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of sportspersons recruited from Jharkhand and Gujarat during the last three years in various Government departments; and
- (d) the steps being taken to give due emphasis in recruiting sportspersons of all sports disciplines while filling up of reserved posts?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions and Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office. (DR. JITENDRA SINGH)

- (a): Yes, Sir. As per extant instructions Ministries and Departments can recruit meritorious sportspersons to Group 'C' posts under the Government of India up to 5% of the vacancies in any year subject to the condition that these including all other reservations do not exceed 50% of the total number of vacancies proposed to be filled up by direct recruitment.
- (b): Consolidated instructions on incentives for sportspersons including recruitment under sports quota have been issued vide Department of Personnel and Training's OM No 14034/01/2013-Estt.(D) dated 3rd October 2013. At present no proposal to increase the quota is under consideration of the Government.
- (c): Department of Personnel and Training (DOPT) lays down the policy for recruitment of meritorious sportspersons which is implemented by the administrative Ministries/Departments. The details regarding number of sportspersons recruited by various Ministries/Departments are not centrally maintained.
- (d): As per extant instructions 43 sports disciplines have been identified for appointment of meritorious sportspersons. These instructions inter alia provide relaxation in upper age limit upto a maximum of 5 years (10 years in case of those belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes) for the recruitment of meritorious sportspersons to Group 'C' posts. Government servants with medal winning performance in specified sports events are also eligible for out of turn promotion.
