

Sports Ministry Upgrades 9 Sports including Badminton to 'High Priority' Category

Athletics, Archery, Badminton, Hockey, Shooting, Tennis, Weightlifting, Wrestling and Boxing have been put in the high priority list by the Ministry.

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As per the categorisation, all National and Zonal Championships of these sports will be funded by the Ministry.

"All Mandatory, Ranking and Qualifying Tournaments for disciplines in which India secured 6th place in the individual events and 8th place in the Team events in the previous edition are also to be funded.

Funding for the remaining events/tournaments shall be decided by a Committee headed by Secretary (Sports)," the Sports Ministry said in a statement.

"This categorisation shall come into force with immediate effect." The categorisation of sports disciplines is reviewed after each Olympic Games and the Asian Games with respect to their performance in these events.

The Government has taken the view that **the Scheme of Assistance to the National Sports Federations (NSFs) needed to be operated as a top-up scheme of the Government for funding the shortfall for important events such as Olympics, Asian Games, CWG, International Ranking Tournaments,** the events which have a long traditional history and internationally important events of major disciplines where the country has been doing well.

The Government has also made provisions in the Companies Act, 2013 which facilitates Corporate houses to spend money from their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funds for sports activities such as training to promote rural sports, recognized sports, Paralympics sports and Olympic sports, among other things.
