

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA**

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IMPROVEMENT IN SPORTS PERFORMANCE
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) the efforts being made to improve India`s performance in the ensuing international sports meets; and
- (b) the percentage of funds allocated for sports in the budget during the last three years, year-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
(SHRI TH. CHAOBA SINGH)

(a) For improving India`s performance in the ensuing international sports meet, the following measures are being taken:

(i)As per the Government Policy and Olympic Charter, the National Sports Federations, recognised by the Government are primarily responsible for the promotion of their disciplines. The National Sports Federations have formulated Long Term Development Plans (LTDPs) covering various aspects, in consultation, inter-alia, with the Sports Authority of India. The National Sports Federations are being assisted in arranging coaching camps for sports persons included in the National Teams, with the help of Indian and Foreign Coaches, provision of requisite equipment and scientific supports through the Sports Authority of India.

(ii)The Federations are also assisted in holding National level championships and in sending sports persons for participation in International Sports Events.

(iii) Promising sports persons are being provided a package of assistance (up to Rs.5 lakhs per year) for training and up-gradation of their skills. Supporting personnel, such as coaches and sports scientists, are also being assisted to undergo specialised training.

(iv) Assistance is being provided to in the creation of sports infrastructure, including laying of Synthetic Surfaces.

(v) With a view to further motivate the sports persons, Awards and incentives are provided, the scale of Awards has been increased substantially.

(vi) Department (other than the Department of Youth Affairs and Sports) are also being pursued for extending incentives to sports persons are to consider measures for the employment of sports persons/provision of loan from Banks.

(b) The percentage of funds allocated for sports during the last three years ranges between 0.035 to 0.041.