

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

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

- (a) whether sports policy of the Government has failed miserably;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps being taken to improve performance of Indian sports persons keeping in view the forthcoming Asian Games?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI PON. RADHAKIRISHNAN)

(a) & (b) The old policy has not failed. However, since it was formulated in 1984, there have been changes in the field of sports. Now needs have arisen which require suitable modifications in our earlier policy to make the new policy address the emerging requirements.

(c) Government has taken following steps to improve the performance of Indian sports persons:

- (i) Preparation of long term development plans for various Disciplines.
- (ii) Holding of regular Coaching Camps for national teams.
- (iii) Providing foreign coaches and supporting personnel wherever asked for by the National Sports Federation and recommended by Sports Authority of India.
- (iv) Providing foreign exposures to National teams in priority and general category/ disciplines.