

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:252
ANSWERED ON:31.07.2002
ACTION PLAN FOR ATHLETES AND COACHES
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any action plan has been formulated by the Sports Authority of India for the athletes and coaches for the next Olympics;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether SAI has focused on certain events;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the special benefits being given to the sportspersons undergoing training for Olympics?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS (SHRI PON. RADHAKIRISHNAN)

(a) to (e) A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.252 T ANSWERED ON 31.7.2002 REGARDING ACTION PLAN FOR ATHLETES AND COACHES ASKED BY SHRI P.C. THOMA SHRI A.BRAHMANAIAH

(a) to (e): Yes, Sir. A Long Term Development Plan (LTDP) for each discipline has been finalised in consultation with concerned Nationals Sports Federations, former international sportspersons and expert in training methods in order to prepare sportspersons & teams for major sports events like the Commonwealth Games, Asian Games and Olympic Games. Intensive coaching camps, latest sports equipments, services of foreign coaches and experts and foreign exposures are being provided to the probables. India may participate in events like

- (i) Athletics (Throws & Relay);
- (ii) Badminton;
- (iii) Boxing;
- (iv) Hockey;
- (v) Sailing;
- (vi) Shooting;
- (vii) Tennis;

(viii) Weightlifting; (ix) Wrestling and (x) Yachting, depending upon qualifying standards being attained. However, the final decision regarding the events will be taken only after assessing the performance of sports persons / teams in the 2002 Commonwealth and Asian Games. In addition to the facilities mentioned above, special nutritious diet and dietary supplements as per the recommendations of experts are being provided to the sports persons undergoing training at the National Camps organized for the purpose.