

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1181

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POLICY FOR SELECTION OF SPORTS PERSONS

ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY;BHASKAR RAO PATIL;NARESH KUMAR PUGLIA

**Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether his Ministry has constituted a special Committee to formulate a fool proof policy for selection of sports persons to confer Arjuna Award and other awards;

(b) if so, the details thereof?

(c) the criteria to be followed under the said policy formulated by the special Committee; and

(d) the time by which the Committee is likely to start functioning?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI VIJAY GOEL)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. A Committee under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports has been constituted on 16th October, 2003. It also includes eminent sports persons, sports journalists and administrators. This Committee has been empowered to make recommendation for improving the existing schemes/guidelines for selecting the sports persons for Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna, Arjuna and Dhyanchand Awards.

(c) & (d): The recommendations of the Committee are under consideration of the Government.