

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

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SELECTION OF PLAYERS FOR OLYMPIC GAMES  
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Union Government has sanctioned Rs. 60 crores for Army to prepare a medal winning team for 2004 Olympic Games in Athens, Greece;
- (b) whether the Army authorities have started selection of players and athletes etc. and started training in this regard;
- (c) if so, the disciplines in which players are being trained; and
- (d) the other details in this regard? A N S W E R

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (d): The Government has conceptualized a sports vision for the Indian Army to take part in Olympics, 2004. A sum of Rs. 60 crore has been allocated for creating infrastructure, procurement of equipments etc. for preparing a medal winning team in Athletics, Archery, Aquatics (Diving), Boxing, Equestrian, Rowing, Sailing, Shooting, Weightlifting and Wrestling. Training of sports persons, selected by the Army, has already started in various Sports centres.