

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:219
ANSWERED ON:07.08.2000
DISMAL PERFORMANCE OF INDIA IN SPORTS
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether performance of India in sports is deteriorating continuously;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government propose to exercise any control over the sports organisations in view of their continuous dismal performance;
- (d) if so, whether the Government propose to make any provision in the National Sports Policy in this regard; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS AND MINES (SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA)

(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. 219 FOR 07.08.2000 REGARDING DETERIORATING PERFORMANCE OF INDIA IN SPORTS ASKED BY SHRI ASHOK N. MOHOL

(a) & (b) : Our performance in Sports has not deteriorated. During the last 2 to 3 years, India's performance in most of the major international championships / games has been improving - though marginally. Still there is scope for further improvement of India's performances in international events. In the 1998 Asian Games, Indian won 35 medals including 7 gold medals. In this game Men Hockey Team got gold medal after a long gap of 32 years. This performance is certainly better than India's performance in the 1994 Asian Games, when India could win only 23 medals. In 1998 Commonwealth Games, India got 25 medals including 7 gold which was again better than 1994 Commonwealth Games, when India got 24 medals. In South Asian Federation Games (SAF), India's performance was spectacular as we won 197 medals including 102 gold. In 2000 Olympic games, scheduled to be held in Sydney, Australia in September-October, 2000, India is participating in 12 disciplines after qualifying through various competitions.

(c) to (e) : There is no move under consideration to take over control of any Sports organisation by the Government. In the draft National Sports Policy, which is under process of formulation, provisions have been made to strengthen the activities of National Sports Federations. It is proposed that the Central Government, in conjunction with the State Government, the Olympic Association (IOA) and the National Sports Federations will concertedly pursue the twin objectives of 'Broad-basing' of sports and 'Achieving Excellence' in Sports at the National and International levels. The Government and the concerned agencies have to work harmoniously to fulfil the objectives of the Policy. The Sports Bodies have to demonstrate orientation towards the achievement of results and ensure tangible progress in the field of sports so as to make the function of the sports bodies / Associations transparent, professional and accountable.