

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:9
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POOR PERFORMANCE IN INTERNATIONAL SPORTS EVENTS
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India's performance in various international sports events has been poor; and
- (b) if so, the concrete steps proposed to be taken by the Government to improve the performance especially in the forthcoming Olympic and Commonwealth Games?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SUNIL DUTT)

(a) & (b): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) and (b) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION No. 9 FOR 5.7.2004 REGARDING POOR PERFORMANCE IN INTERNATIONAL SPORTS EVENTS

(a) & (b): The performance of Indian sportspersons since the Commonwealth Games, 2002 has been quite creditable. India won a record haul of 69 medals (as against 25 in the last games) in the 2002 Commonwealth Games and secured the fourth position in the medals tally. Similarly, India secured 36 medals in the Busan Asian Games.

Indian sportspersons have performed creditably in a number of international competitions including the 1st Afro-Asian Games in Hyderabad in 2003 and the last SAF Games at Islamabad in 2004.

Government of India, in addition to providing sports infrastructure, has taken various steps to improve the performance of Sportspersons, especially in the forthcoming Olympic and Commonwealth Games. These steps include the following:

- (i) Finalization of Long Term Development Plans (LTDP) for various sports disciplines in consultation with the concerned National Sports Federations, former international sportspersons, sports scientists and experts. Plans are under implementation.
- (ii) Provision of equipment and scientific support to sportspersons
- (iii) Intensive coaching of the players by Indian and foreign coaches in coaching camps.
- (iv) Financial assistance to concerned federations for participation of sportspersons in international tournaments.
- (v) Intensive training abroad to the teams.
- (vi) Assistance for purchase of equipment, scientific support and training and participation within the country and abroad under the `Scheme relating to Talent Search and Training` and the `National Sports Development Fund`.