

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:292

ANSWERED ON:16.08.2004

EXPERIMENTS OF PROHIBITED DRUGS ON ATHLETES

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

- (a) whether prohibited drugs on the Indian athletes are being experimented by Foreign coaches for better performance as reported in the `Hindustan Times` dated July 11, 2004;
- (b) if so, whether during the preparatory camps just before the 2000 Sydney Olympics top Indian Athletes were administered a cocktail of anabolic steroids;
- (c) if so, the details and facts thereof alongwith the names of the foreign coaches involved therein;
- (d) the action taken against the said coaches;
- (e) the number of foreign coaches hired at present for various sports; and
- (f) the remedial steps proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard ?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-RESIDENT INDIANS AFFAIRS (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER)

(a) to (f): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 292 TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.8.2004 REGARDING EXPERIMENTS OF PROHIBITED DRUGS ON ATHLETES ASKED BY SHRI J.M. AARON RASHID AND SHRI PRABHUNATH SINGH.

(a) & (b): No such instance has come to the notice of Government.

(c) & (d): Do not arise.

(e) 35 Foreign coaches are engaged at present.

(f) During the National Coaching Camps, athletes are educated about the prohibited substances and methods as notified by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) and its harmful effects. An information guide in the form of a Directory on `Drugs in Sports` and Handbook on `Drugs Abuse in Sports` developed by the Lab Scientists are also circulated among sportspersons, coaches, doctors and athlete support personnel as part of the educational programme. List of banned drugs and placards for educating the players are also put in the rooms of the campers. Random checking of the rooms of the campers is also done to ensure that no banned drugs are being used. The Sports Medicine Doctor at Netaji Subash National Institute of Sports, Patiala and other Regional Centres of Sports Authority of India conduct lectures to educate the players not to use any banned drugs. Apart from the above, random tests are also done during coaching camps, selection trials, domestic competitions and prior to participation in International Competitions.