GOVERNMENT OF INDIA YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2732 ANSWERED ON:10.05.2006 ACTION PLAN FOR INTERNATIONAL GAMES Owaisi Shri Asaduddin

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

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any action plan for the Asian Games 2006 and Olympic Games 2008 to be held in China;
- (b) if so, the details of plan chalked out for these games;
- (c) whether arrangements for special training of sports persons for these events have been made;
- (d) if so, whether some foreign coaches have been empanelled by the Government for the success of Indian sports persons in these games; and
- (e) if so, the number of foreign coaches likely to be empanelled for different disciplines for these events?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ AND YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) to (c): Planning for international events is an ongoing process. Long-Term Development Plans (LTDPs) in respect of disciplines identified as potential medal prospect for the Asian and Olympic Games are finalized for a period of 4 years on a roll-on basis in consultation with the National Sports Federations concerned, experts and other resource persons.

Efforts are made on a continuous basis to improve the performance of Indian sports persons at various International events by providing international standard training facilities, diet, scientific support, high standard coaching by foreign & Indian coaches, foreign exposure etc.

(d) & (e): At present, 22 Foreign Coaches are engaged for the Asian Games probables of various sports disciplines and 3 more are likely to be engaged shortly.