

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

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PREPARATION FOR OLYMPIC GAMES
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has chalked out any special programme for enhancing the medal tally of the country in the next Olympic Games;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has selected the most competent and suitable sportsmen for this purpose and are giving specialised advanced training to them with a view to secure medals; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI PRATIK PRAKASHBAPU PATIL)

- (a) & (b) Preparations for winning more medals in all major international events, including the ensuing Olympics, is an on-going process and is based on the Long Term Development Plans(LTDPs) prepared by the National Sports Federations. At present, Government has undertaken a special drive for preparation of athletes for participation in Commonwealth Games and Asian Games, 2012. These efforts will be furthered suitably for training of sportspersons who qualify for participation in London Olympics.
- (c) & (d) Participation of athletes/teams in Olympic Games is in accordance with qualifying norms prescribed by the International Olympic Committee. Specific coaching/training requirements of sportspersons, who will qualify for participation in Olympic Games, will be considered and decided in consultation with concerned National Sports Federations under various schemes of the Ministry viz. Scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations, Talent Search & Training and National Sports Development Fund.