

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:226

ANSWERED ON:10.08.2010

SELECTION OF SPORTS PERSONS

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

- (a) whether the Government/National Sports Federations (NSFs) have laid down any guidelines/norms for selecting sports persons for participation in various national and international sporting competitions/events;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there are reports of discrimination in the selection of sports persons participating in international and national sports competitions;
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor and the reaction of the Government thereto, sports/discipline-wise; and
- (e) the corrective measures taken by the Government/NSfs in this regard and the achievements made so far?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (DR. M.S. GILL)

(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.226 FOR REPLY ON 10-08-2010 BY SHRI ANJAN KUMAR M. YADAV AND SHRI GORAKH PRASAD JAISWAL REGARDING SELECTION OF SPORTS PERSONS.

(a) to (e): The selection of sportspersons/teams for participation in major international events is the responsibility of National Sports Federations(NSFs) concerned. However, the Government appoints eminent sportspersons as Government Observers, who maintain oversight on the functioning of the respective NSF they are assigned, and give their feedback to the Government. One of the major functions of the Government Observer is to oversee the selection of the national team, and ensure that it is based on a well defined objective criteria. Further, with a view to ensuring fair and transparent selection, the Government has issued guidelines requiring the NSFs to communicate the detailed selection criteria/norms, schedule of trials etc. to the players, coaches, Government Observers well in advance. The National Coaches are required to evaluate the performance of players on regular basis. The Selections are required to be done by a Selection Committee comprising President of the NSF as Chairperson, the National Coach and eminent ex-sportspersons, preferably Arjuna Awardees as members.

Any reports of discrimination in selection of sportspersons are appropriately resolved in consultation with the NSF, Sports Authority fo India and the Government Observer. The Government satisfies itself regarding proper selection of national athletes/teams before clearing their participation in international competitions.