

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

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

- (a) whether despite training abroad and supervision by foreign coaches, Indian sports persons have not been able to improve their performance and to register a rise in the medal tally in various international sporting events;
- (b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether there is a lack of motivation for the sports persons; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to motivate the Indian sports persons to improve their performance and increase the medal tally?

Answer

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

(a) to (d) There has been perceptible improvement in the performance of Indian sportspersons in the international competitions in various disciplines including archery, badminton, boxing, kabaddi, shooting, squash, wrestling etc.

For an improved performance of Indian sportspersons and teams in the forthcoming Commonwealth Games 2010 and Asian Games 2010, Government has undertaken a special drive for preparation of athletes and teams. Comprehensive and intensive training and exposure both in India and abroad is being provided to identified elite sportspersons with full scientific and medical facilities. These efforts will be furthered suitably for training of sportspersons for other major international tournaments including London Olympics, 2012.

For motivating and incentivising the sportspersons, the Government provides special cash awards to winners of medals in international sports competitions, pension to meritorious sportspersons after they retire from active sports career. Further 5% of direct recruit vacancies in Group "C" and "D" category in Central Government Offices are reserved for meritorious sportspersons.