

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:285
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IMPROVING PERFORMANCE IN SPORTS
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has initiated any long-term development programme for improving the performance of Indian sportspersons competing in various international sporting events;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the inputs received from the various Sports Federations in this regard and the funds allocated therefor during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to encourage the application of scientific principles and techniques for improving the performance of Indian sportspersons including setting up of sports science centres in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 285 FOR REPLY ON 30-11-2010 BY SHRIMATI J. SHANTHA AND SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGARWAL REGARDING IMPROVING PERFORMANCE IN SPORTS.

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) Preparation of sportspersons for improving their performance, in international sports events, is an on -going process, which is based on sport discipline specific Long Term Development Plans (LTDP) prepared by National Sports Federations (NSFs) in consultation with the Sports Authority of India (SAI). The long term plan, which is prepared for a 4 year cycle, from one Asian Game to the next, covers all aspects relating to development of a sport discipline, including training and coaching of sportspersons.

Based on the approved long term plan, an annual review is undertaken to decide on the budgetary assistance to individual NSFs. The Government provides assistance to NSFs for various components such as holding of national/international sports events in India, participation in competitions abroad, engagement of national and international coaches and procurement of equipment and consumables.

During the last cycle, such plans were held for all the major disciplines, including Archery, Athletics, Basketball, Boxing, Equestrian, Football, Gymnastics, Hockey, Judo, Kabbadi, Kayaking & Canoeing, Rowing, Shooting, Squash, Swimming, Tennis, Volley Ball, Weightlifting, Wrestling and Yachting.

A statement showing the financial assistance provided to various NSFs during the last three years and the current year is annexed.

(c) & (d) Yes, Madam. Sports Sciences are an integral part of the training of sportspersons. The Sports Authority of India (SAI) centres at the National Institute of Sports (NIS), Patiala, Kolkota and Bangalore have well established sports science facilities, which are manned by experts. The scientific support to national campers is an essential part of the system of preparation of national athletes for participation in international competitions.

Sports science facilities have been strengthened, at the following centres, as part of preparation of sportspersons for Commonwealth Games 2010:

1. Bangalore (Karnataka)
2. Bhopal (Madhya Pradesh)
3. Lucknow (Uttar Pradesh)
4. Gandhinagar (Gujarat)

5. Thiruvananthapuram (Kerala)

6. Kolkata (West Bengal)

7. Aurangabad (Maharashtra)

8. Imphal (Manipur)

9. Sonapat (Haryana).