

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

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TRAINING FACILITIES FOR SPORTS PERSONS

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

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to provide world class training/sports facilities to the athletes /sports persons participating in the international competitions in the light of dismal performance of the country in athletics during the Commonwealth Games held in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details of the facilities to be provided to such athletes including in rural and backward areas, sports discipline-wise; and

(c) the other steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to support/encourage/promote sports person particularly in the fields of athletics in the country?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) Under the Scheme of Preparation of Indian Team for Commonwealth Games, 2010, intensive training was provided to about 1140 core probables in 17 sports disciplines. India put up its best ever performance by standing 2nd in the medal tally. With regard to the broad-basing of sports, the Government is implementing a national programme called Panchayat Yuva Krida Aur Khel Abhiyan (PYKKA) under which all panchayats are proposed to be provided with playing facilities and community sports volunteers over a ten-year period. The programme also supports conduct of sports competitions at block, district, state and national level. The Government also has separate scheme for women sports championships and north east games. Sports Authority of India (SAI) also runs several schemes for identification and grooming of young talented sportspersons. Around 15,000 such talented sportspersons are receiving training under different schemes of SAI. Similarly, over three million youth have participated in PYKKA competitions.