

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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IMPROVING THE STANDARD OF SPORTS

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

- (a) whether the Government has made any plan/strategy to encourage and support for sports persons participating in next Asian, Olympic and other International Games;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the total funds earmarked/allocated/spent for participating of Indian sports persons, coaches and other concerned officials in the said sports competitions, separately;
- (c) the names of sporting events for which trainers of international standards are likely to be appointed for the purpose;
- (d) the details of steps proposed to be taken to improve the standard of sports at par with the international standard and impart special training programmes for the sports persons in view of the excellence in performance displayed during the Commonwealth Games, 2010, sports discipline- wise and;
- (e) the other steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to improve the standard of sports in the country?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (e):Preparations for winning more medals in all major international events, including the Asian and Olympics is an on-going process and is based on Long Term Development Plans (LTDP) prepared by National Sports Federations (NSFs). The Government provides assistance to the NSFs for various activities such as holding national/international sports events in India, the participation of Indian sportspersons/ teams in international sports events abroad, the engagement of national and international coaches and the procurement of equipment and consumables. Details of funds given to NSFs and Sports Authority of India for various components during the past four years are given in Annexure.

Further, to address the specific coaching/training requirements of identified medal prospects, individual sportspersons are also assisted directly by the Ministry for purchase of equipment, provision of scientific support and training and participation within country and abroad,under the 'Scheme relating to Talent Search & Training' and through the 'National Sports Development Fund'