

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

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PERFORMANCE OF THE COUNTRY IN THE CG

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

- (a) whether the Government has reviewed the overall performance of the country during the recently concluded Commonwealth Games (CG);
- (b) if so, the details alongwith the disciplines where Indian sports persons performed well and the reasons for dismal performance in disciplines like aquatics and gymnastics etc. and the steps taken to augment training facilities for such disciplines;
- (c) whether performance of the sports persons belonging to the rural areas of the country during the said Games has been impressive; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to give impetus for providing better sports training facilities/infrastructure to such sports persons for further improving their performance in other sports events?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The performance of Indian athletes was phenomenal during the recently held Commonwealth Games (CWG), with India winning 101 medals, the highest ever in any major multidisciplinary sporting event and more than double the medals, India had won in the last Commonwealth Games at Melbourne during 2006. The country also stood 2nd in the medals tally after Australia and ahead of other major sporting nations such as England, Canada, South Africa etc. A list of discipline-wise medals won during CWG is at Annexure Also, for the first time in the history of the CWG, Indian Gymnasts have won 2 medals and in Swimming, a few swimmers had qualified for the finals.

(c) & (d): Yes, Madam. In certain disciplines like Athletics; Boxing; Wrestling; Weightlifting etc., majority of sportsperson who won medals were from rural areas. All the short-listed probables of CWG including those from rural areas were provided state of the art training/foreign exposure by Government and the budding players would continue to be provided with the training facilities under various schemes of Government.