

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:220

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PERFORMANCE OF INDIAN SPORTSPERSONS

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

- (a) whether the performance of Indian sportspersons in various international sports events has not been satisfactory in comparison to the other countries despite the expenditure incurred in this regard;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to initiate any long-term development programme for improving the performance of Indian sportspersons including women competing in various international sporting events;
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the inputs received from different National Sports Federations (NSFs) and the funds allocated to them for this purpose during each of the last three years and the current year; and
- (e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government for improving the performance of Indian sportspersons including setting up of sports science centres in various parts of the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 220 TO BE ANSWERED ON 16-08-2011 REGARDING PERFORMANCE OF INDIAN SPORTSPERSONS ASKED BY SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB AND SHRI JOSEPH TOPPO.

(a) to (c) It is true that the country's performance in major international sports events has not been of the level as is expected from a country of India's size. However, there has been perceptible improvement in the performance of the Indian sportspersons in recent years as is evident from country's performance at the Commonwealth Games, 2010 where it stood 2nd and in the Asian Games, 2010 where it stood 5th. This improved performance has been a result of intensive training provided to them over the past two and half years under the Scheme of Preparation of Indian Teams for Commonwealth Games, 2010. With a view to sustaining these efforts for forthcoming London Olympics, the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports has launched Project 'Operation Excellence for London Olympics 2012' (OPEX 2012) under which core probables have been identified and are being provided with intensive training, both within the country and abroad and competition exposures in international sports competitions. Based on the approved funding norms, which are at par with Commonwealth Games-2010 scales, with further up scaling in certain areas such as lodging, nutrition, scientific support and daily allowance, the budget for OPEX-2012 has been estimated at Rs. 258.39 crore for the period April 2011 to August 2012, covering expenditure towards maintenance charges towards field of play (Rs. 7.60 crore), boarding and food supplements (Rs. 36.95 crore), lodging (Rs. 49.74 crore), scientific & medical support (Rs. 5.06 crore), consumable sports equipment including competition kit (Rs. 18.58 crore), non-consumable sports equipment (Rs. 4.37 crore), Indian coaches (Rs. 2.91 crore), foreign coaches (Rs. 20.00 crore), support personnel (Rs. 7.84 crore), foreign competition and training exposure (Rs. 75.45 crore), competition exposure within India (Rs. 19.18 crore) and sports kit (Rs. 3.80 crore). Discipline-wise details of estimated expenditure are given in Annexure-I.

Preparation for winning more medals in all major international events is an on-going process and is based on the Long Terms Development Plans (LTDPs) prepared in consultation with the National Sports Federations and Sports Authority (SAI). Based on LTDPs, assistance is provided to NSFs. Further, financial assistance for customized training for elite athletes is provided from NSDF.

All Schemes of the Ministry and SAI are inclusive schemes and are equally applicable to women sportspersons. A National Championship exclusively for women is conducted annually at block, district, State and national levels. Performance of women sportspersons in CWG-2010 and Asian Games-2010 was quite impressive. In Commonwealth Games-2010, women sportspersons won 13 Gold medals, 12 silver medals and 36 bronze medals. In Asian Games-2010, women sportspersons won 5 gold medals, 6 silver medals and 12 bronze medals.

(d) Details of funds released to National Sports Federations during last three years and current year given in Annexure-II.

(e) For upgrading/improving the existing set up for sports science and sports medicine in the country, the Ministry has constituted an

Expert Group under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Sports) for strengthening various aspects of Sports Science including Sports Nutrition.