

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:373  
ANSWERED ON:20.12.2011  
PREPARATIONS FOR LONDON OLYMPICS  
Chitthan Shri N.S.V.

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

- (a) whether the Government has reviewed the performance of Indian athletes, sportspersons in various discipline during the last three international sports events viz. Beijing Olympic Games, 2008, Asian Games, 2010 in Guangzhou, China and Delhi Commonwealth Games, 2010;
- (b) if so, the outcome thereof;
- (c) the deficiencies identified during the review; and
- (d) the corrective steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to improve their performance in London Olympics 2012?

**Answer**

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

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

STATEMENT REFEREED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.373 FOR ANSWER ON 20.12.2011 REGARDING "PREPARATIONS FOR LONDON OLYMPICS, 2012" BY SHRI N.S.V. CHITTHAN, MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT

(a)to(c): Review of performance of the sportspersons participating in the international sports events including mega sports events such as Olympic Games, Asian Games and Commonwealth Games is an ongoing process as part of Ministry's and Sports Authority of India's interactions with the National Sports Federations at the time of finalization of Long Term Development Plans (LTDPs) and finalization of coaching and training requirements of athletes and teams prior to their participation in international sports events.

For preparation of our athletes for Beijing Olympics, 2008, the Government identified the disciplines in which the country had medal prospects and prepared plans in consultation with Sports Authority of India and concerned National Sports Federations for comprehensive and intensive training of the sportspersons.

For preparation of our athletes in Commonwealth Games 2010, Scheme for Preparation of Indian Athletes for Commonwealth Games 2010 with an outlay of Rs. 678 crore was put in place for providing comprehensive and intensive training and exposure to Indian sportspersons, both domestic and foreign.

For preparation of athletes for Asian Games 2010, which were held one month after Commonwealth Games 2010, in order to ensure a level playing field to the disciplines which were included in Asian Games 2010 but not in Commonwealth Games 2010, the Ministry decided to adopt the norms of Scheme of Preparation of Indian Team for Commonwealth Games, 2010 for the Scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations as the ceiling for assistance for such sports disciplines. For this purpose, action plans were drawn up in consultations with concerned National Sports Federations and Sports Authority of India for providing assistance towards coaching camps, sports equipments, engagement Indian Coaches, foreign coaches and supporting personnel, participation in international competitions and training abroad etc.

It was mainly owing to the comprehensive and intensive training imparted to sportspersons that our sportspersons put up commendable performances in Beijing Olympics 2008, Commonwealth Games 2010 and Asian Games 2010.

In Beijing Olympics 2008, India won three medals (one gold and two bronze medals). India's performance in terms of medals tally at Beijing Olympics was better than that in any previous Olympic Games. For the first time in the history of Indian Sports, India won an individual Olympic gold medal at the Beijing Olympics 2008.

In Commonwealth Games 2010, the country put up the best ever performance in any major, multi-disciplinary sports event with a haul of 101 medals (38 Gold, 27 Silver and 36 Bronze), which is more than double the medals India won at CWG, Melbourne, 2006. This achievement placed India 2nd in Medals Tally after Australia and ahead of major sporting countries such as England, Canada, South Africa etc.

In Asian Games 2010, Indian sportspersons put up a commendable performance and got record number of 65 medals (14 Gold, 17

Silver and 34 Bronze). India stood at 6th position in the medals tally, which is India's best since inception of the Asian Games.

(d) Recognizing the fact that Scheme for Preparation of Indian Athletes for Commonwealth Games 2010 and extension of the norms applicable under this scheme for the disciplines of Asian Games 2010, which were not part of CWG 2010 has paid rich dividends, the Ministry decided to launch 'Operation Excellence for London Olympics 2012' (OPEX 2012) project with a view to prepare athletes and teams for London Olympics 2012. Under OPEX 2012, the athletes are being provided comprehensive and intensive training, both within the country and abroad as well as competition exposure in international sports competitions. Funds for preparation of athletes for London Olympics are being provided at norms, which are at par with scales for CWG-2010, with further upscaling in certain areas, such as lodging, nutrition, scientific support and daily allowance.