

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1126  
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SELECTION OF SPORTS PERSONS  
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**Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government/National Sports Federations (NSFs) have laid down any guidelines/norms for selecting sports persons for participating in different national and international sports competitions;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of cases of discrimination and irregularities reported in the selection process of sports/persons in the said competitions during each of the last three years and the current year, sports discipline-wise;
- (d) the action taken by the Government thereon; and
- (e) the steps taken for bringing more transparency in the selection of sportspersons?

**Answer**

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

- (a) Yes, Madam.
- (b) Government has laid down a procedure for selecting sports persons for participating in different sports competitions. As per the procedure, the selection of sportspersons/teams for participation in major international events is the responsibility of National Sports Federations (NSFs) concerned. The Selection Committee consists of the President of the concerned NSF, the National Coach and a representative of the Indian Olympic Association. The Government appoints eminent sports persons as Government Observers, who give their feedback to the Government. One of the major functions of the Government Observer is to oversee the selection of the national team and ensure that it is based on a well defined objective criteria.
- (c) No Madam, no such case has been reported during the last three years and the current year for any discipline.
- (d) Does not arise.
- (e) With a view to ensure fair and transparent selection, the Government has issued guidelines requiring the NSFs to communicate the detailed selection criteria/norms, schedule of trials, etc to the players, coaches to the Government Observers well in advance.