

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

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PREPARATION FOR OLYMPIC GAMES, 2012

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

- (a) whether the Government has drawn any plan of action for the preparation of the Olympic Games,2012 scheduled to be held in London;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has reviewed the progress made in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, and the sports disciplines in which preparedness have been lagging behind the schedule, sports discipline-wise; and
- (e) the details of the steps taken by the Government to expedite the preparation alongwith the details of the expenditure incurred so far by the Government thereon?

Answer

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

a) Yes, Madam.

b) The Ministry has launched 'Operation Excellence for London Olympics 2012' (OPEX 2012) project with a view to preparing athletes and teams for London Olympics 2012. Under OPEX 2012, core probables have been identified and are being provided comprehensive and intensive training, both within the country and abroad. The funding for this is being provided from the Scheme "Assistance to National Sports Federations" and National Sports Development Fund.

c) Yes, Madam.

d) Keeping in view the performance of Indian teams/individuals in various international tournaments, 16 disciplines, namely, Archery, Athletics, Badminton, Boxing, Gymnastics, Hockey, Judo, Rowing, Swimming, Shooting, Table Tennis, Taekwondo, Tennis, Weightlifting, Wrestling and Yachting have been identified for systematic and scientific training. Two High Level Committees i.e. Steering Committee headed by the Secretary (Sports) and Apex Committee headed by the Hon'ble Minister for Youth Affairs & Sports have been formed to review the preparation for various disciplines for London Olympics. The Committees have been reviewing the preparations from time to time.

Till date, 29 Individual Sportspersons in 5 disciplines and Indian Men's Hockey team have qualified for participation in London Olympics.

e) The Ministry is closely monitoring the preparations and is having continuous interaction with concerned National Sports Federations, SAI and Experts from the respective fields frequently to review the preparations. Till 29th February, 2012, approximately an amount of Rs. 123.73 Crore has been spent on preparation of athletes for London Olympics, 2012. The details in this regard are given below:

Sl.No	Purpose	Expenditure incurred
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1.	Coaching Camps	Rs. 43.72 Crores
2.	Foreign Exposures	Rs. 69.52 Crores
3.	NSDF	Rs. 05.36 Crores
4.	Foreign Coaches.	Rs. 05.13 Crores
	Grand Total	Rs. 123.73 Crores