

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

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TRIBAL SPORTS PERSONS

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to nurture the hidden talents of tribal sportspersons particularly from the hilly regions of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the success achieved by the Government in this regard; and
- (d) the number of tribals included in various sports events in the ensuing London Olympics, 2012?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c): Sports is a State subject. However, Sports Authority of India (SAI) under various Sports Promotional Schemes including Special Area Games Centres scout sports talented from the rural/urban areas including Tribal areas. Talented sportspersons in the age group of 8 to 25 years in 28 disciplines are being trained in various SAI Centres across the country and imparted training to enable them to excel at National and International level.

(d) No such record is being maintained.