

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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EXPENDITURE ON OLYMPIC GAMES
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the expenditure incurred on preparation and participation in the Olympic Games in the current year;
- (b) whether the expenditure incurred was higher as compared to the previous years;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps being taken to promote and improve standards of sports in the country to achieve excellent result in various international competitions?

Answer

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

(a) With a view to preparing our sportspersons for London Olympics, 2012, the Ministry launched 'Operation Excellence (OPEX) for London Olympics, 2012. An expendi-

ture of Rs.135.60 crore has been incurred during 2011-12 and the current year from the Scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations towards OPEX 2012. Details are given in Annexure. Further, assistance of Rs.10.32 crore was provided from National Sports Development Fund for customized training for preparation of athletes for London Olympics, 2012.

(b) & (c) : The expenditure incurred on preparation of sportspersons for London Olympics, 2012 during 2011-12 and the current year was higher as compared to the previous Olympics. This was due to various factors like more intensive preparation and larger number of athletes during the London Olympics, inflation etc. The details of expenditure for the relevant years under the scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations, are as under :-

Sl.No.	Year	Amount spent
01.	2007-08	Rs. 53.37 crore
02.	2008-09	Rs. 39.50 crore
03.	2011-12	Rs. 100 crore
04.	2012-13	Rs. 40.04 core (till 31.07.12)

(d) For promoting and improving standards of sports in the country to achieve excellent results in various international competitions, the Government introduced the following Schemes/Programmes, to provide focussed attention to major international sporting events.

(i) Schemes for Preparation of Indian Athletes for Commonwealth Games, 2010 and Asian Games 2010 :

For Commonwealth Games, 2010, the Ministry had undertaken a massive and unprecedented training programme for the elite sportspersons of India, to prepare the Indian contingent for CWG 2010. Scheme for Preparation of Indian Athletes for CWG 2010 was put in place for providing comprehensive and intensive training and exposure to Indian sportspersons, both domestically and abroad. An expenditure of Rs.327.50 crore was incurred under this scheme. 170 Indian and 30 Foreign Coaches and 78 supporting technical personnel were involved in the effort.

For the Asian Games 2010 disciplines, which were not included in CWG, 2010, similar level of assistance, as provided for under the 'Scheme of Preparation of Indian Athletes for CWG 2010' was provided to athletes/teams preparing for Asian Games, 2010.

(ii) Operation Excellence for London Olympics 2012 (OPEX 2012): With a view to preparing athletes and teams for London Olympics 2012, the Government launched Project 'Operation Excellence for London Olympics 2012' (OPEX 2012) under which Core probables were identified and were provided comprehensive and intensive training, both within the country and abroad as well as competition exposure in International Sports competitions. Keeping in view the performance of Indian teams/individuals in Commonwealth Games, Asian Games and other international tournaments, 16 disciplines, namely, Archery, Athletics, Badminton, Boxing, Gymnastics, Hockey, Judo, Rowing, Sailing, Swimming, Shooting, Table Tennis, Taekwondo, Tennis, Weightlifting and Wrestling were identified for systematic and scientific training. Out of these 16 disciplines, Indian sportspersons qualified for participation in 13 sports

disciplines.

Funds for preparation of athletes for London Olympics were provided as per norms of the Scheme for Preparation of Indian Athletes for Commonwealth Games, 2010 with further upscaling in certain areas, such as lodging, nutrition, scientific support and daily allowance.

(iii) widening the base: introduction of Panchayat Yuva Krida aur Khel Abhiyan (PYKKA):

For broad-basing of sports in the country, the Ministry introduced Panchayat Yuva Krida Aur Khel Abhiyan (PYKKA),

which is aimed at providing basic sports infrastructure and promotion sports competitions at the grass-root level. Though PYKKA is essentially aimed at participative sports, it is only through widespread sporting activities among the young, from childhood upwards that sporting excellence can be progressively achieved. An exponential growth in the base of active athletes will automatically lead to a significant increase in number of high performing athletes and thus of medal prospects at the international level. PYKKA aims at spreading the base in rural areas throughout the country after which Sports Authority of India and the National Sports Federations would have a much larger pool of sportspersons to identify the talented and gifted sportspersons and nurture them into medal winning sportspersons at international sporting events.

Efforts have also been initiated to provide better scientific support and coaching facilities to sportspersons.