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PREPARATION FOR NEXT OLYMPIC GAMES

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken any decision/formulated any strategy regarding preparation for the next Olympic Games to be held in Rio in 2016;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to appoint more foreign coaches and provide international level sports facilities for each sports discipline;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, sports discipline-wise; and
- (e) if not, the other steps proposed to be taken by the Government to win more medals in international sports competitions including the next Olympic Games?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Government has already initiated preparations for Olympic Games, 2020 with intermediate milestones of Asian Games (2014 & 2019), Commonwealth Games (2014 & 2018) and Rio Olympic Games, 2016. Identification of sportspersons, their training, provision of expert coaches and support personnel, foreign exposures, scientific support, etc. are part of such preparations.

(c) to (e): The provision of foreign coaches and other facilities required for the training of sportspersons in potential sports disciplines is assessed in association with the concerned National Sports Federations of respective disciplines. The Government has initiated discussions with the different NSF, with an aim to create long term development plans and maximize the number of medals in international sports competitions.