

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:76
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PREPAREDNESS FOR INTERNATIONAL GAMES
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether special attention for development of sports like fencing, gymnastic and sailing in the country is being given by the Government;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor and the remedial measures taken by the Government in this regard;
- (c) whether training of the sportspersons for the ensuing Commonwealth and Olympic Games has started;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the funds earmarked for various sports events, sports discipline-wise; and
- (e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI JITENDRA SINGH)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) to (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 76 FOR 27-11-2012 ASKED BY SHRI M. ANANDAN & DR. AJAY KUMAR REGARDING PREPAREDNESS FOR INTERNATIONAL GAMES

(a) & (b) : Primary responsibility for promotion and development of specific sports disciplines including those of fencing, gymnastics and sailing is that of concerned National sports Federations. However, the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports and Sports Authority of India supplement the efforts of the NSFs under their various schemes.

(c) to (e) : Training of elite athletes in the disciplines included in the major international sports events such as Olympic Games, Commonwealth Games and Asian Games is an ongoing process. Long Term Development Plans (LTDPs) and Annual Calendar of Training & Competitions (ACTCs) are prepared and finalized in consultation with the concerned NSFs and experts from the relevant fields in various sports disciplines.

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.

Allocation of funds to various sports federations is made on year to year basis. Expenditure on training and competition exposure of athletes and teams for various sports disciplines as per their LTDPs and ACTCs is met out of the funds allocated.