

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

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USE OF DRUGS BY SPORTSPERSONS
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) has been successful in its endeavors to stop the use of drugs among sportspersons;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the sportsmen have blamed a food supplement named zisling for testing positive for drugs;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the findings of the NADA;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to ban the import of zisling; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The Government and National Anti Doping Agency are working towards "Dope-Free" Sports in co-ordination with all stakeholders to create a clean and healthy environment for sports in India. The National Anti Doping Agency is taking stringent measures against doping in sports by conducting dope tests during in-competition and out -of-competition on sportspersons. The Government has repeatedly announced zero tolerance for violators of the anti-doping regulations. In this endeavor, NADA has conducted 9101 dope tests during the last three years on athletes.

Year Total Dope Samples Collected

2010	2794
2011	3206
2012 (upto Oct. 2012)	3101

Out of the total dope tests conducted 397 athletes have been found positive and sanctions have been imposed on 351 athletes against further participation in sports. Besides, the Government through NADA has conducted various education and awareness programmes about doping and its ill effects for sportspersons across the country. The technical officials of NADA are regularly visiting Sports Authority of India (SAI) Regional Centres and other places (wherever training camps are held) and educating the athletes on doping in sports and harmful side-effects of the dope substances by conducting lectures/ seminars/workshops etc. on regular basis with the help of dope control hand books. As a result of this, effective action is being taken to reduce the incidence of doping in sports with the objective of eliminating the doping menace from sports.

- (c) As per information available with the Government, there is no food supplement named zisling.
- (d) to (f): Does not arise.