

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

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EXPENDITURE INCURRED ON FOREIGN TRAINING  
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**Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the total expenditure incurred on foreign coaches/training sessions abroad and exposure trips for hockey, boxing and archery sports under operation Excellence for London Olympics-2012 Programme;
- (b) the reasons for major disappointments especially in archery, boxing and hockey sports at London Olympics; and
- (c) the corrective steps taken by the Government to ensure better results in the said sports in future sports events?

**Answer**

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

(a ) The expenditure incurred on preparation of the Indian contingent in the disciplines of Hockey, Boxing and Archery under Operation Excellence for London Olympics 2012 programme was Rs.18.90 crore, Rs.18.68 crore and Rs. 07.01 crore respectively.

(b) The Indian Archers were expected to win a few medals, but they could not perform up to expectations due to factors like the windy and chilly weather conditions of London.

In so far as Boxing is concerned, the Indian Boxers have recorded respectable performance by winning 1 Bronze medal and qualifying for 2 quarter finals, just missing the medal round.

The Indian Men Hockey team did not perform as per expectations. The Indian Hockey team (Men) qualified for the London Olympics 2012 in the last qualifying event and the time left to build-up a strong team was very short. However, India had not qualified for the 2008 Olympics and in that respect qualifying in itself was an improvement over past performances.

(c) Future plan of Action aiming at 2020 Olympics Games with intermediate milestones of Asian Games (2014 and 2019), Commonwealth Games (2014 and 2018) and Rio Olympic Games, 2016 has already been initiated and probable athletes/teams are being put under intense training. The allocation for the focus sports disciplines has been substantially enhanced in 2013-14 and junior sportspersons in these sports are being given special attention.