

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

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DOPING TEST OF OLYMPIC WINNERS BY NADA
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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 asked to conduct anti doping test of Olympic medal winners;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has taken any steps to create awareness among the sports persons to prevent them from using banned drugs; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a): No, Madam. The National Anti Doping Agency (NADA) routinely collects "Out-of-Competition" tests of sportspersons including Olympic medal winners.

(b): For the period 2010-13, NADA has conducted 5113 out-of-competitions tests which include Olympic medal winners to prevent the menace of doping.

(c) & (d): The Government and NADA are working towards "Dope Free" Sports in the country in association with stakeholders to rid sports of this menace and create a clean and healthy environment for sports in India. NADA is taking stringent measures against doping in sports by conducting dope tests during in- competition and out-of-competition on sportspersons. During the period 2009-2012, NADA has conducted numerous workshop, educational and awareness programme about the prohibited substances and methods in sports across the country for sports persons, young athletes, coaches and supporting staff. Across the year, NADA has conducted outreach programs at various centres and over 8000 sports persons, including supporting staff attended such programs. 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 lecturers/seminars/workshops etc. on regular basis with the help of dope control hand books printed in English, Hindi, Tamil, Telgu, Malayalam and Punjabi. To achieve a better outreach and to reach the masses, NADA is coordinating with the Central Board of Secondary School (CBSE) and School Games Federation of India both at National and Regional levels for programs regarding anti-doping measures. Keeping special focus on rural sports centres various Anti-Doping awareness Symposia and workshop have been conducted in the Sports Authority of India (SAI) Training Centres (STC) in rural areas.