

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

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PERFORMANCE IN LONDON OLYMPIC GAMES
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Indian contingent representing the country at the recently concluded London Olympics won the highest number of medals ever won by an Indian contingent in the Olympics;
- (b) if so, the details of the awards conferred by the Government to the winning athletes;
- (c) whether the Government has set quantitative targets for the next Olympics; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to achieve the targets?

Answer

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

(a): Performance of Indian sportspersons in London Olympics, 2012 was the best ever by India in Olympic Games, wherein India won 6 medals (2 Silver and 4 Bronze).

(b): Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports gave cash awards of Rs.30 lakh to silver medalists and Rs. 20 lakh to bronze medalists under the scheme of Special Awards to medal winners in International Sports Events and their Coaches. Further, Shri Vijay Kumar, Silver Medalist (shooting) and Shri Yogeshwar Dutt (Bronze Medalist) were conferred with Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna during 2012. Other medalists Viz. Shri Sushil Kumar, Silver medalist (wrestling), Shri Gagan Narag, Bronze medalist (Shooting), Ms. Sania Nehwal, Bronze medalist (Badminton) and Ms. Mery Kom, Bronze medalist (Boxing) have already been conferred with Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna in previous years.

(c) & (d) The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports has set a goal for Rio Olympics 2016 that India should get a position in mid-twenties in medals tally with not less than 20 medals. For achieving this target, the Ministry and Sports Authority of India in consultation with concerned National Sports Federations is taking requisite steps including identifying probable, providing comprehensive and intensive training, both within the country and abroad as well as competition exposure in international sports events.