

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

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DECLINE IN STANDARD OF SPORTS
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has ascertained the reasons of the declining level of sports in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to improve the level of sports in the country;
- (c) whether the National Sports Federations is solely responsible for the declining level of sports;
- (d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (e) the corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): It is not true that standards of sports are declining in the country. There has been perceptible improvement in the country's performance in international sports events as is evident from the medals won by Indian sportspersons/teams in Beijing Olympics-2008, Asian Games 2010, Commonwealth Games-2010, London Olympics- 2012 etc. In order to further improve the standard of sports in the country, the Government has been taking initiatives and implementing schemes for strengthening sports facilities and providing better training and coaching, etc.

(c) to (e): The Government works in co-ordination with the National Sports Federations (NSFs) for promotion of various sports disciplines. Under the Scheme of Assistance to NSFs, financial grants are provided to NSFs for coaching/training of athletes, their participation in international tournaments and organization of National Championships etc.

The Government has issued the National Sports Development code, 2011 to ensure good governance in NSFs. Among others, age and tenure limitations for office- bearers of NSFs have been provided under the code.

A draft National Sports Development Bill has been formulated and comments on the same have been sought from stake-holders.