

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

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Performance in Olympic Games-2016

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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of India's poor performance in the Olympic Games-2016 and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether the Government has undertaken any study to ascertain the reasons for India's poor performance in the Olympic Games-2016 and if so, the details and the outcome thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to set up a Task Force to prepare and implement a comprehensive action plan for a better performance in the upcoming International sporting events such as Olympic and Commonwealth Games etc.;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be set up; and
- (e) whether the Government has appointed foreign coaches and provided international level sports facilities for various sports disciplines and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
(SHRI VIJAY GOEL)

(a) & (b): Participation in Olympics is through qualification and India sent its largest contingent ever for participation in Olympics in 2016. India returned with 2 medals; P.V. Sindhu's Silver (Badminton) & Sakshi Malik's Bronze (Wrestling). Department has held consultations with various stake holders including eminent sportspersons, coaches and National Sports Federations (NSFs), etc. It has been decided, among others, to enhance performance monitoring, emphasize on greater role of coaches in devising training programmes of medal prospects and strengthen sports science set – up. It has been decided to issue open advertisement for hiring foreign coaches wherever possible.

Further, NSFs have already been advised by the department to identify medal prospects and their support staff for the 2020 Olympic Games so as to ensure that the core probables get support of dedicated world class support staff on a continuing basis to be able to work as a coherent team and deliver. Review of performance and taking of measures for improvement is an ongoing process.

(c) & (d) Yes Madam. It has been decided to set up a Task Force to prepare a comprehensive action plan for effective participation of Indian sportspersons in the next three Olympic Games 2020, 2024 and 2028. The Task Force will prepare overall strategy for sports facility, training and other related matters. It is expected to be set up shortly.

(e) Yes Madam. Government has appointed foreign coaches as per requirement, projected by the concerned National Sports Federations from time to time. International level sports facilities have been provided to athletes for various sports disciplines in various SAI centres. Wherever necessary, athletes have been sent abroad for training.
