

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:135
ANSWERED ON:24.11.2016
Performance in International Events
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any action plan has been thought of to improve medal tally in every future International Sporting events in view of country's dismal performance in such events in the past and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of funds allocated/utilised for improving the sports infrastructure and facilities in the country during the last three years and the current year; and
- (c) the steps taken/ being taken by the Government to ensure that the performance in such events is in proportionate to the investment made for the purpose

Answer

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

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (C) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.135 TO BE ANSWERED ON 24-11-2016 REGARDING "PERFORMANCE IN INTERNATIONAL EVENTS" ASKED BY SHRI RAYAPATI SAMBASIVA RAO.

(a): Participation in Olympics is through qualification and India sent its largest qualified contingent ever for participation in Olympics in 2016. India won 4 medals (2 Gold, 1 Silver and 1 Bronze) in Paralympics, 2016 which is its best ever performance in Paralympics. In order to improve the performance, 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 and emphasize on proper education of athletes and development of Coaches, establish quality control mechanism for training Camps and emphasize on NSFs to professionalize themselves.

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.

(b): Details of funds allocated / utilised under various Schemes of the Department of Sports for improving the sports infrastructure and facilities in the country during the last three years and the current years are given in Annexure-I.

Details of funds allocated/ utilised under various Schemes of Sports Authority of India (SAI) for improving the sports infrastructure and facilities in the country during the last three year and the current years are given in Annexure-II.

(c): Performance in sports events depends on various factors and is not directly proportionate to the investment in sports infrastructure. Efforts are made on an ongoing basis to improve India's performance in international sports events.
