

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SKILL DEVELOPMENT, ENTREPRENEURSHIP, YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA**

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PROMOTION OF ATHLETICS
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Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT, ENTREPRENEURSHIP, YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) the apex body for Olympic Games in the country;
- (b) the details of the games included under the Olympic Games along with the games in which Indian sportspersons participated/undergo training for participation;
- (c) whether the performance of Indian sportspersons in athletic events has been quite unsatisfactory; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the corrective steps being taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR SKILL DEVELOPMENT, ENTREPRENEURSHIP, YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL)

(a) Indian Olympic Association (IOA) is the National Olympic Committee for India recognized by the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

(b) In the Olympic Games 2012 held at London, sports events in following sports disciplines were held:

aquatics, archery, athletics, badminton, basketball, boxing, canoeing, cycling, equestrian, fencing, field hockey, football, gymnastics, handball, judo, modern pentathlon, rowing, sailing, shooting, table tennis, taekwondo, tennis, triathlon, volleyball, weightlifting, wrestling.

In the Rio Olympic 2016, sports competitions in following sports disciplines will be held:

aquatics, archery, athletics, badminton, basketball, boxing, canoeing, cycling, equestrian, fencing, field hockey, football, golf, gymnastics, handball, judo, modern pentathlon, rowing, rugby, sailing, shooting, table tennis, taekwondo, tennis, triathlon, volleyball, weightlifting, wrestling.

In the London Olympic, 2012, sportspersons from India belonging to disciplines of archery, athletics, badminton, boxing, hockey, judo, rowing, shooting, swimming, table tennis, tennis, wrestling and weightlifting participated.

(c) & (d) India has so far won medals in Olympic Games in disciplines of athletics, boxing, badminton, field hockey, shooting, tennis, weightlifting, and wrestling. India won 2 Silver medals in the discipline of athletics in 1900 Paris Olympics. India has not won any medals in the discipline of athletics after 1900 olympics.

Talented core probables are identified prior to the major mega sports events including Olympic Games. Coaching camps are organized for their training. Exposure in international sports competitions is provided. Assistance is also given to elite athletes for their customized training within the country and abroad.