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

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

(a) the details of achievements made by the country in international sport events during the last several years;

(b) whether the Government has assessed the reasons for the mediocre performance of Indian sportspersons in International events as compared to other Asian countries like China, Japan, etc.;

(c) if so, the details and the outcome thereof; and

(d) whether the National Sports Federation have not been able to develop sports personalities in their respective fields and if so, the reaction of the Government there to?

Answer

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

(a) Sportspersons of the country have won medals in different types of international sports competitions. Medals tally of India in some of the major multi-discipline sports events viz., Commonwealth Games 2010, Asian Games 2010, Para-Asian Games 2010, Olympics 2012, Paralympics 2012 and Commonwealth Games 2014 is as under:

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S. Name of Number of medals won Total
No. the event
Gold Silver Bronze
1 Commonwealth 38 27 36 101
Games 2010
2 Asian Games 14 17 34 65
2010
3 Para - Asian 1 4 9 14
Games 2010
4 Olympic Games - 2 4 6
2012
5 Paralympics - 1 - 1
2012
6 Commonwealth 15 30 19 64
Games 2014
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(b) & (c): It is not true that performance of our sportspersons has been mediocre. There has been perceptible improvement in the performance of Indian sportspersons as is evident from the country's performance at Commonwealth Games 2010, Asian Games 2010, London Olympics 2012 and Commonwealth Games 2014. However, it is also admitted that the country's performance in major sports events has not been of the level as expected from a country of India's size. For further improving the performance of our sportspersons in international tournaments, inadequacies in terms of high performance centres, modern equipments, sports science and sports medicine facilities, etc. are being addressed on a regular basis.

(d): Primary responsibility for development of specific sports disciplines is that of respective National Sports Federations (NSFs). Ministry has been impressing upon the NSFs to ensure good governance, fairness and transparency in selection of sportspersons etc., so as to instil confidence in sportspersons.