

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PERFORMANCE IN INTERNATIONAL SPORTS EVENTS

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

(a) the details of achievements made by the country in various international sporting events including Commonwealth Games, 2014 in Glasgow, Asian Games, 2014 in Incheon and FIG Artistic Gymnastics, 45th World Championship in Nanning held in recent past, games/sports discipline-wise;

(b) whether the Government/National Sports Federations (NSFs) has/have reviewed the performance of Indian Sports in the above said events;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the deficiencies identified therefrom along with the action/steps taken to improve the performance of Indian contingent in the forthcoming International events including Olympic Games, 2016 in Rio, sports discipline-wise;

(d) whether the Government proposes to appoint International Level Sports coaches to improve the performance in International Level Sports competitions including forthcoming Olympic Games; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon so far so as to improve its medal tally, sports discipline-wise?

Answer

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

(a): The details of achievements of sportspersons and teams of the country in terms of medals won, sports discipline-wise, in Glasgow Commonwealth Games 2014 and Incheon Asian Games 2014 are given in Annexure. Sportspersons from the country did not win any medal in FIG Artistic Gymnastics, 45th World Championship held in Nanning, China from 3rd to 12th October 2014.

(b) & (c): The review of performance of the sports persons and teams of the country in international sports events by the Government as well as National Sports Federations is an ongoing exercise, Coaching camps, customized training within the country and abroad with scientific back-up, competition exposures and engagement of foreign coaches are planned accordingly for improving the performance of Indian sportspersons and teams in international sports events including forthcoming Rio Olympic Games 2016.

Further, in order to support India's best medal prospects for 2016 and 2020 Olympics and other major sporting events up to 2020 Olympics, the Ministry has started a "Target Olympic Podium Scheme" (TOP Scheme) promoted by the National Sports Development Fund. An Elite Athletes Identification Committee has been set up under the chairpersonship of Shri Anurag Thakur, Member of Parliament and having Shri Rahul Dravid, Shri Pullella Gopichand, Shri Abhinav Bindra and Ms. Manisha Malhotra as members among others to evaluate and select talented potential medal prospects for 2016 and 2020 Olympic Games for support under the TOP Scheme; Focused disciplines will be Athletics, Archery, Badminton, Boxing, Wrestling and Shooting.

(d) & (e): To improve the performance of Indian sportsperson/ teams in International Level Sports competitions including forthcoming Olympic Games, reputed Indian/ foreign coaches/ experts have already been appointed/ engaged as per the specific requirements.

At present, 19 foreign coaches in 10 disciplines are engaged. Discipline-wise break-up of foreign coaches engaged is as under:

Archery-1, Athletics-3, Badminton-1, Boxing-2,
Hockey-1, Kayaking & Canoeing-1, Shooting-5,
Squash-1, Wrestling-3 and Yachting-1.