

**Government of India
Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports
Department of Sports**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2976
TO BE ANSWERD ON 04.01.2018**

Performance of Players at Rio Olympics

**†2976. SHRIMATI BHAVANA PUNDLIKRAO GAWALI PATIL:
SHRIMATI REKHA VERMA:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has reviewed the performance of Indian players at Rio Olympics 2016;**
- (b) if so, the details and the outcome thereof along with the reasons for poor performance at the games;**
- (c) whether the Government proposes to encourage sports amongst young children at school level;**
- (d) whether there is any proposal to create world class infrastructure facilities for emerging athletes;**
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
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(a) & (b): Madam, Government has reviewed the performance of Indian players at Rio Olympics 2016 and had held consultations with various stake holders including eminent sportspersons, coaches and National Sports Federations (NSFs), etc. Some of the reasons for poor performance are lack of professionalism and factionalism / infight in the sports bodies and long term strategies by the National Sports Federations. 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. National Observers have been appointed in select disciplines to support athletes and the federations.

(c) To encourage sports amongst young children at school level, the Government has given recognition to School Games Federation of India (SGFI) and has kept it in 'Priority' category so that it gets maximum assistance under the Scheme of Assistance to the NSFs. The Government gives financial assistance to SGFI for holding National Championship, holding of international tournaments in India, participation of Indian teams in International tournaments abroad, holding of coaching camps, etc.

A new Central Sector Scheme, namely, Khelo India – National Programme for Development of Sports is implemented by this Ministry. This Scheme consists of twelve verticals including Annual Sports Competitions. Under this component, Khelo India National School Games in respect of several sports disciplines has been planned by associating concerned NSFs and SGFI.

Apart from this, Sports Authority of India (SAI) is implementing the following schemes across the country to identify talented sports persons in the age group of 8-18 years and nurture them to excel at national and international competitions:

- National Sports Talent Contest Scheme (NSTC)**
- Army Boys Sports Company (ABSC)**
- SAI Training Centre (STC)**
- Special Area Games (SAG)**
- Extension Centre of STC/SAG**

(d) to (f): Madam, National Coaching Camps for the elite sports persons / teams preparing for International competitions are organized at SAI Centres where infrastructure, services and facilities at par with international standards are available. In order to meet the critical infrastructure gaps in the national coaching camps including augmentation of existing facilities such as procurement of sports science equipment, recovery and rehabilitation facilities, etc., Rs. 83.00 crores have been provided to SAI during the current financial year from the Scheme of Assistance to NSFs.

Further, one of the components under the Khelo India Scheme is 'Utilisation and Creation/Upgradation of Sports Infrastructure', which has the following provisions:

(i) University Centre of Excellence Programme provides for grants-in-aid to identified Universities for infrastructure, equipment, gym and equipment, recovery equipment, coach deployment, training for coaches, etc.

(ii) Creation of Appropriate Sports Infrastructure provides for grants-in-aid to States/ UTs, SAI, etc. to develop critical sports infrastructure and other infrastructure where there are gaps including for sports science and sports equipment.