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18.	01 No. Grassy Football Field	2007	100%	100%
19.	Cinder Athletic Track (400 Mtrs.)	2007	100%	100%
20.	Jogging Track (2.1 Km.)	2010	100%	100%

Overhaul requirement in sports department and its policy

2940. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government prepare our athletes and other sportspersons to take part in London Olympics with 'sportsmen spirit' emphasis being on participation rather than becoming victorious;

(b) whether Government ensure all inputs as also high class training to our sports persons; and

(c) on the basis of experience so far, whether Government realise that a major overhaul is necessary in its sports department as also its policy in order to achieve a major advance in sports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) No, Sir. Participation of Indian athletes and sports persons in 'London Olympics' and other international sports events is to win medals for India and to provide them with exposure to international competitive sports. However, all sports persons participating in any Olympic games are also required to exhibit spirit of sportsmanship and have to take the Olympic oath which is reproduced below:

"In the name of all Competitions I promise that we shall take part in these Olympic Games, respecting and abiding by the rules which govern them, committing ourselves to a sports without doping and without drugs, in the true spirit of sportsmanship, for the glory of sports and the honour of our teams."

(b) With a view to prepare Indian athletes and teams for major multi-disciplinary events like Olympics, Asian Games and Commonwealth Games the Government launched new schemes under which core probables in different sports disciplines were identified and were provided comprehensive and intensive training, both within country and abroad and competition exposure in various International Sports Competitions. The funding norms were up-scaled in areas such as lodging,

nutrition, scientific support and daily allowance. The entire training was funded under the Scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations, supplemented by the National Sports Development Fund (NSDF).

As a result of this, 81 Indian sports persons qualified for London Olympics, 2012 and won six medals (2 silver and 4 bronze) which is the highest ever medal haul by India in Olympic Games. Although some of the sportspersons such as P. Kashyap (Badminton), Tintu Luka (Athletics-800m), Vikas Gowda (Athletics-Discus Throw), Krishna Poonia (Athletics-Discus Throw), Irafan, K. Thodi (Athletics-20 km walk), Vijender Singh (Boxing-75 kg), Devendro Singh (Boxing- 46-49 kg) could not win medals but their performance was creditable.

(c) The Government of India has already initiated action for training the Indian Team for Olympic Games, 2020 with intermediate milestones of Asian Games (2014 and 2019), Commonwealth Games (2014 and 2018) and Rio Olympic Games, 2016. The funding will be met from the Scheme 'Assistance to National Sports Federations' which would be supplemented from NSDF.

Participants in London Olympic 2012

2941. SHRI NATUJI HALAJI THAKOR: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of players, coaches and supporting staff who are part of the Indian Contingent participating in the Olympic 2012 held in London in July, 2012;

(b) whether the players, coaches and supporting staff participating in the Olympic games have been selected on merit;

(c) if so, the sports-wise details thereof; and

(d) who had been appointed as Chief-D-Mission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) to (c) 81 players, 34 coaches and 8 supporting personnel were part of the contingent. The details are furnished in the Statement (*See below*). The selection of sportspersons was on the basis of their qualifying for participation in Olympic Games. The number of coaches, supporting personnel and managers was based on the number of sportspersons qualified (as per norms of the London Organising Committee for Olympic Games).

(d) Shri Ajit Pal Singh had been appointed as Chef-de-Mission. However, due to indisposition he could not go to London. In his place, Brigadier P.K. Muralidharan Raja was appointed as Acting Chef-de-Mission for London Olympics, 2012.