

**Performance of Indian sportspersons in various  
international sports**

2945. DR. T.N. SEEMA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the performance of Indian sportspersons in various international sports events has not been satisfactory in comparison to the other countries despite the expenditure incurred in this regard;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government proposes to initiate any long-term development programme for improving the performance of Indian sportspersons including women competing in various international sporting events; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government for improving the performance of Indian sportspersons including setting up of sports science centres in various parts of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) and (b) No, Sir. There has been perceptible improvement in the performance of the Indian sportspersons in recent years. The performance of our sportspersons in major international tournaments since Beijing Olympics, 2008 has been encouraging. India won 3 medals (1 Gold and 2 Bronze) in Beijing Olympics, 2008. In Commonwealth Games, 2010, India won 101 medals (38 Gold, 27 Silver and 36 Bronze) and was 2nd in medals tally. In Asian Games, 2010 held in Guangzhou, China, India won 64 medals (14 Gold, 17 Silver and 33 Bronze) and was 6th in medals tally, which was India's best since inception of the Asian Games.

In the London Olympics, 2012, Indian sportspersons came up with a record performance by winning 6 medals (2 Silver and 4 Bronze). Although some of the sportspersons such as P. Kashyap (Badminton), Tintu Luka (Athletics-800m), Vikas Gowda (Athletics-Discus Throw), Krishna Poonia (Athletics-Discus Throw), Irfan K. Thodi (Athletics-20km walk), Vijender Singh (Boxing-75kg), Devendro Singh (Boxing- 46-49kg) could not win medals but their performance was creditable.

(c) and (d) 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.

As regards setting up Sports Science Centres, Sports Authority of India (SAI) has set up four Sports Science Centres in the country for the purpose of training of sportspersons, details of which are as under:

- (i) SAI Netaji Subhas Eastern Centre at Kolkata, West Bengal.
- (ii) SAI Netaji Subhas Southern Centre at Bangalore, Karnataka.
- (iii) SAI Netaji Subhas National Institute of Sports, Patiala, Punjab.
- (iv) Lakshmibai National College of Physical Education at Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.

These SAI centres have sports science facilities in Sports Medicine, Sports Psychology, Anthropometry, Bio/Mechanics, Exercise physiology and training methods which are managed by highly qualified and experienced teams of Sports Scientists. Besides, fitness equipment and recovery methods facilities are also available at these centres. The scientific support to National Campers is an essential part of the system of preparation for international competitions. The facilities available at these centres are being provided to SAI trainees and National Campers.

In order to focus on the high quality of research study and targets of sports science and medicine for producing sports champions who could spearhead the Indian challenge on the world sporting arena, it was felt necessary to create a national hub which could contribute to the growing corpus of research, as seen in other developed and prominent countries like Australia and China. Accordingly, it has been proposed to set up a National Institute of Sports Sciences and Medicine (NISSM) at New Delhi. The proposed NISSM would be the leading institute in the country to support high performance of sportspersons and integrate sciences and medicine into the training of elite sportspersons in the country as well as into teaching curriculum of sport coaching in the country.

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