

(b) The Shekhar Singh Commission appointed by the Apex Court had made various recommendations including the closure of Andaman Trunk Road (ATR) passing through the Jarawa Reserve on the ground that it badly affected the protection of the Jarawas. The Hon'ble Apex Court passed orders on 7th May, 2002 accepting those recommendations. The UT of A&N Administration had filed an affidavit in the Hon'ble Apex Court seeking review of its direction on ATR in April, 2003 in view of the fact that the ATR is a lifeline and means for transporting materials required for livelihood of about 1.5 Lakh settler population living on other side of Jarawa reserve *i.e.* Middle & North Andaman. Since then matter is subjudice. As intimated by the A&N Administration no specific order has been issued in respect of closure of the Andaman Trunk Road (ATR).

(c) No Sir. In the Jarawa Tribal Reserve area, entry of unauthorized persons has been banned. As regards poaching by outsiders (non tribals) in the Jarawa Reserve area, the Andaman and Nicobar Administration has taken following measures: -

- (i) strict enforcement of the law *i.e.*, the A&N Islands (Protection of Aboriginal Tribes) Regulation, 1956 as further amended in 2012 which provides stringent punishment which has deterrent effect on the non-tribals committing offences under the law.
- (ii) Sensitization of settlers (non- tribals) of the villages surrounding the Jarawa Tribal Reserve/ buffer zone.
- (iii) Research led welfare policy for empowerment of the Jarawa tribe with the setting up of Andaman and Nicobar Tribal Research and Training Institute (ANTRI). The above said measures resulted in saving of the food reserves for the Jarawa tribe in the Jarawa Reserve area

(d) A Consultant has been appointed by Ministry of Road, Transport & Highways (MoRTH) on 28.7.2010 for preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) for Rehabilitation and upgrading 2-lane of NH-223 (Formerly Andaman Trunk Road) from Chidyatapu to Foothill of Saddle Peak in Diglipur. This includes preparation of DPR for two major bridges at Middle Strait & Humfrey Strait excluding 56 km. stretch of road within the Jarawa Reserve Area.

#### **Enhancing performance of sportspersons at international level**

3774. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT, ENTREPRENEURSHIP, YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the performance of Indian sportspersons have remained far from satisfactory in the international events;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the sports in which India is yet to represent in the international events; and

(d) the details of steps proposed by Government to enhance country's performance at the international level?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT, ENTREPRENEURSHIP, YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL): (a) and (b) It is not true that performance of our sportspersons is far from satisfactory. There has been perceptible improvement in the performance of Indian sportspersons as is evident from country's performance at Commonwealth Games 2010, Asian Games 2010, London Olympics 2012 and Commonwealth Games 2014. However, it is also admitted that country's performance in major sports events has not been of the level as is expected from a country of India's size.

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

Sl. No.	Name of the event	Number of medals won			Total
		Gold	Silver	Bronze	
1.	Commonwealth Games 2010	38	27	36	101
2.	Asian Games 2010	14	17	34	65
3.	Para Asian Games 2010	1	4	9	14
4.	Olympic Games 2012	-	2	4	6
5.	Paralympics 2012	-	1	-	1
6.	Commonwealth Games 2014	15	30	19	64

(c) Indian sportspersons and teams are taking part in all major mega sports events such as Olympic Games (Summer and Winter), Paralympics, Deaflympics, Asian Games, Commonwealth Games, Para-Asian Games, Asian Indoor Games, Asian Beach Games, Youth Olympics, Commonwealth Youth Games, Asian Youth Games and World Championships, Asian Championships and Commonwealth Championships.

(d) Ministry and Sports Authority of India are providing comprehensive support in the form of coaching camps, competitive exposure, customised training within the country and abroad with backup of sports science *etc.* 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 are being addressed on a regular basis.