

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)**

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2400
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06-12-2016**

Improvement in quality of training and equipments in the country

2400. SHRI ANAND SHARMA:

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

- (a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the deficiency in training imparted to the participants in the recent Rio Olympic;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government to improve the quality of training and equipments in the country?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
(SHRI VIJAY GOEL)**

(a) & (b): Primary responsibility of imparting training to athletes for participation in Olympics is that of the National Sports Federations (NSFs). Department of Sports and Sports Authority of India supplemented the efforts of NSFs by providing assistance for training of the athletes for Olympics 2016 through the Scheme of Assistance to NSFs and Target Olympic Podium (TOP) Scheme. Participation in Olympics is through qualification and India sent its largest contingent ever for participation in Rio Olympics in 2016. This itself was a big achievement. India returned with 2 medals; P.V. Sindhu's Silver (Badminton) & Sakshi Malik's Bronze (Wrestling). In a few events, India narrowly missed a medal.

Improvement in training imparted to athletes is an ongoing process.

(c): Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports has held consultations with various stake holders including eminent sportspersons, coaches and National Sports Federations (NSFs), etc. 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. It has been decided to issue open advertisement for hiring foreign coaches wherever possible.

Further, National Sports Federations (NSFs) have been advised by the Department to identify medal prospects and their support staff for the 2020 Olympic Games so as to ensure that the core probables get support of dedicated world class support staff on a continuing basis to be able to work as a coherent team and deliver.
