

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 793
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17-12-2018

Indian football team in Asian Games

793. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has relaxed its selection norms for the Indian football team's participation in the Asian Games;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that Government will accept late entries by the organisers; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
[COL. RAJYAVARDHAN RATHORE (RETD.)]

(a) & (b): The selection criterion for sportsperson/teams for participation in international events are long standing. The criterion involve performance in the previous edition of the same multi games event or ranking events. This per se means performance four years ago and excludes high performing sportspersons of contemporary times. In the light of this, the Ministry asked Indian Olympic Association and the federations of such athletes/sportspersons/teams who have been performing consistently well during recent times hence have strong possibility of either winning a medal or finishing in top four, but did not participate in the events prescribed, years ago.

(c) & (d): Government gives its clearance for participation of the Indian contingent in multidisciplinary event like Asian Games upon receiving the request from Indian Olympic Association.
