

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS  
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)  
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**UNSTARRED QUESTION No-2400**  
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**ROADMAP FOR OLYMPICS 2028**

2400 SHRI M. SHANMUGAM:  
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has drawn roadmap for the Los Angeles Olympics 2028 for the preparation and training of sportspersons and athletes, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the measures taken for close co-ordination with various federations and organisations for providing best facilities, training, equipment support and wholesome nutritious diet required by sportspersons for Olympics preparations;

(c) whether any competitive exposure arranged for the sportspersons/teams for mega sports events like Olympics, Asian Games etc; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

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(a)& (b) Preparation for international events, including for the Olympics, is an ongoing and continuous process. The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports supports the Indian sportspersons/teams through various schemes, such as the Scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations (NSFs) and the Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS). The plans / proposals of the NSFs relating to training, competitive exposure, coaches and support personnel, including foreign coaches, for preparing sportspersons/teams for the international events, including mega-sports events such as the Olympics, the Asian Games etc. are deliberated and finalized in the form of an Annual Calendar for Training and Competition (ACTC). Further, the proposals received under TOPS, are evaluated and approved on a case-by-case basis by the Mission Olympic Cell (MOC), comprising experts etc., and on approval, funds are directly disbursed to the athletes to facilitate their training and participation in competitions. After conclusion of the 2024 Paris Olympics, the following learnings have emerged:

- Need for a clear selection policy and training plan of athletes by NSFs.
- Talent identification through strong domestic competition structure.
- Integration of Sports Science to enhance sporting performance.

- Development of coaches and technical officials and improving their competencies.

The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, the NSFs, including the Indian Olympic Association, and the Sports Authority of India work in close coordination for providing the best facilities, training, equipment support as also a wholesome nutritious diet required for preparation of the teams and sportspersons for the forthcoming international sports events, including for the Olympics. Further, Government has also established the National Centre of Sports Science and Research (NCSSR) at New Delhi to better integrate Sports Science into the overall sports ecosystem.

(c) & (d) Sportspersons/teams preparing for participation in international sports events, including in the Olympics and the Asian Games, are continuously supported for their training and competitive exposures within the country and abroad, engagement of foreign coaches, support staff including physiotherapists, masseurs, sports psychologists, sports nutritionists etc. through the ACTC, funded under the Scheme of Assistance to NSFs. Further, the TOPS has been implemented since 2014 for meeting the requirements of customized training of the athletes with medal prospects in mega sports events such as the Olympics, the Asian Games and the Commonwealth Games, to help them excel at these international sporting events.

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