

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO - 2231
ANSWERED ON- 07/08/2025

RISE IN CASES OF ANTI-DOPING RULE VIOLATIONS

2231 SHRI IMRAN PRATAPGARHI:

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

- (a) whether Government is aware of the rising number of anti-doping rule violations involving Indian athletes in recent years;
- (b) number of athletes who tested positive for banned substances in the years 2021 to 2024, year-wise and sport-wise;
- (c) whether any review or audit conducted regarding functioning and effectiveness of National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) in light of repeated violations;
- (d) measures being taken to strengthen anti-doping awareness, testing infrastructure and enforcement mechanisms, particularly at grassroots and junior levels; and
- (e) whether Government proposes to collaborate with international bodies like WADA for capacity building and technical upgradation of NADA, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

(DR. MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)

- (a) Yes, Sir. The Government is aware of instances of anti-doping rule violations involving Indian athletes in recent years and is fully committed to curb the menace of doping in sports.
- (b) The number of athletes who tested positive for banned substances in the years 2021 to 2024 is as under and the details of positive cases sports-wise are placed at **Annexure**.

Year	Tests Conducted	Number of athletes tested positive
2021	1899 (Covid period)	42
2022	4059	125
2023	5794**	213
2024	7466	260

** Total tests as per WADA report are 5606

(c) Yes, Sir. The functioning and effectiveness of the National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) is periodically reviewed by the Government as well as the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) to ensure that its operations remain aligned with international standards as per the WADA Code.

(d) NADA conducts Anti-Doping awareness sessions for sports persons and the support staff at various places across the country during sport events/training camps. These awareness sessions cover key topics such as principles of strict liability, ethical values in sports, Dope Control process, health hazards and consequences of doping, Therapeutic Use Exemptions and prohibited substances, etc.

NADA is implementing an event-based Anti-Doping education model during major event such as National Games, Khelo India University Games, Khelo India Youth Games, North-east Olympic Games to reach out to masses. Interactive tools like the Anti-Doping pledge, awareness mobile game, Anti-Doping digital quiz, awareness kiosks, mobile van and workshops have been adopted by NADA as part of the overall activities for education awareness of athletes. NADA also hosts brainstorming workshops with National Sports Federations to sensitize them against Doping in sport and further the message of clean sport amongst athletes and athlete support personnel.

In order to strengthen nutritional supplement testing, NADA is collaborating with Food Safety and Standard Authority of India (FSSAI), National Forensic Science University (NFSU) and National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPER), Hyderabad.

(e) The Government continuously engages with WADA for capacity building to align with the World Anti-Doping Code and to be in compliance with its International Standards. To achieve this goal, NADA India hosted WADA Athlete Biological Passport (ABP) Symposium in 2022, WADA Global Learning Development Framework (GLDF) Result Management workshop in 2024 and WADA Anti-Doping Intelligence & Investigation Capacity and Capability Building workshop in 2025 in India for the technical upgradation of the skills of the scientific staff.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF THE RAJYA SABHA QUESTION NO. 2231 FOR 07.08.2025 ASKED BY SHRI IMRAN PRATAPGARHI REGARDING “RISE IN CASES OF ANTI-DOPING RULE VIOLATIONS”.

Number of athletes tested positive for the period of 2021 to 2024, Sports-wise:

S. No.	Sports	2021	2022	2023	2024
1.	Aquatics		1	3	4
2.	Archery	2			
3.	Athletics	16	47	61	76
4.	Automobile Sports				2
5.	Badminton	1			1
6.	Baseball				
7.	Basketball		2		2
8.	Billiards Sports			1	
9.	Bodybuilding	6	2	5	8
10.	Boxing		2	9	17
11.	Bridge		1		2
12.	Canoe/Kayak	2		4	3
13.	Cerebral Palsy				
14.	Chess				
15.	CISS Wrestling			1	5
16.	Cricket				
17.	Cycling		1	5	3
18.	Equestrian				1
19.	Fencing			2	
20.	Field Hockey		1	1	
21.	Football		2		
22.	Golf				
23.	Gymnastics		1		
24.	Handball				2
25.	Ice Hockey				
26.	Ice Stock Sport				
27.	Judo		7	6	6
28.	Ju-Jitsu				
29.	Kabaddi	1	4	6	10
30.	Karate		1		
31.	Kick Boxing				1
32.	Kho-Kho				
33.	Kudo				

S. No.	Sports	2021	2022	2023	2024
34.	Kurash				
35.	Lawn Bowls		1		
36.	Modern Pentathlon				
37.	Motorcycle Racing				1
38.	Netball			1	1
39.	Para Athletics		2	5	4
40.	Para Canoe			1	3
41.	Para Judo			2	
42.	Para Powerlifting		3	2	2
43.	Para Swimming				
44.	Para Table tennis			2	
45.	Pencak Silat			2	1
46.	Polo				
47.	Powerlifting	6	6	28	17
48.	Roller Sports			1	
49.	Rowing			3	2
50.	Rugby Union	1			1
51.	Sailing				1
52.	Sepak takraw				
53.	Shooting	1	1	3	
54.	Shooting para-Sport		2		
55.	Skating				4
56.	Skiing				
57.	Softball				
58.	Soft-Tennis				
59.	Sport Climbing				
60.	Squash				1
61.	Table Tennis				
62.	Taekwondo		1		
63.	Tennis				
64.	Triathlon			3	
65.	Volleyball		1	2	2
66.	Weightlifting	1	17	38	43
67.	Wrestling	3	18	10	29
68.	Wushu	2	1	6	5
69.	Yoga				
	Total	42	125	213	260

