

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1498
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.11.2016**

Engagement of Foreign Coaches

1498. SHRI SUMAN BALKA

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

(a) whether the Government proposes to engage foreign coaches for Indian athletes for upcoming Olympics, Asian Games, Commonwealth Games and other important tournaments; and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the criteria being adopted for such selection process?

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

(a) & (b): Madam, Government has been engaging foreign coaches, from time to time, in various sports disciplines to meet the training needs of the athletes. At present, foreign coaches have been engaged in the following sports disciplines:

- (i) Athletics**
- (ii) Badminton**
- (iii) Hockey**
- (iv) Squash**
- (v) Shooting**
- (vi) Table Tennis.**

Madam, foreign coaches are selected by a Committee constituted by the Government comprising of the following members:-

- 1. Director General, SAI – Chairman**
- 2. Joint Secretary (Sports), MYAS - Member**
- 3. Director/Deputy Secretary (Finance) - Member**
- 4. Executive Director (Teams),SAI - Member**
- 5. Eminent player of the concerned sports discipline - Member**
- 6. President or his representative of concerned National Sports Federation.**

The recommendations of the Committee are considered by the Government before appointment of a foreign coach.

It has been decided that wherever feasible, an open advertisement is to be issued for hiring foreign coaches.
