

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †4061
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.08.2017**

Promotion of Sports

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

- (a) whether the Government has received any new action plan for sports from NITI Aayog;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of the Government thereto; and**
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government to encourage and promote sports in the country?**

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): The NITI Aayog has recommended an action plan for the short-term and for medium to long-term for revitalizing sports in India. The short-term measures include identification of priority sports, engagement of world class coaches, strengthening of recovery and rehabilitation facilities, strengthening of sports governance and promoting professional leagues. The medium to long-term measures include making sport a compulsory subject in school, introducing long-term athlete development programme, etc.

The Government is already working on these lines. Some of the major initiatives are as follows:

- **Selection of priority sports for Olympics, Asian Games and Commonwealth Games completed.**
- **Selection of athletes for support under Target Olympic Podium Scheme underway**
- **Engaging world class coaches for priority disciplines completed**
- **Introducing a Talent Hunt Portal**
- **Establishment of National Sports Academies in selected disciplines [10 already established, besides 5 regional academies (4 in Football; 1 in Badminton)].**
- **Introduction of National School Games and National University Games**
- **Government has also set up an Olympic Task Force for making further recommendations to make India a leading sporting nation.**
