

**Government of India
Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports
Department of Sports**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1793
TO BE ANSWERD ON 28.12.2017**

Performance of Players

**1793. SHRI RAM PRASAD SARMAH:
SHRI OM BIRLA:**

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

(a) whether even after huge expenditure on coaching and training, the performance of our players at International level particularly in athletics is not upto the mark, if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(b) whether the coaching facilities and infrastructure provided to the Indian sports persons are adequate enough and in line with the international standards, if so, the details thereof along with the expenses incurred by the Government for the purchase of the sports equipments and coaching fees during the last three years and current year;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the measures taken by the Government to uplift the standard and condition of equipments and training; and

(d) whether there has been a shortage of coaches for various sports in India, if so, the details thereof and the remedial measures taken for meeting the shortage?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): There has been a gradual improvement in the performance of Indian sportspersons in international sports events, including that in athletics. In the recently held Asian Athletics Championship, 2017 Indian team won 29 medals (12 Gold + 5 Silver +12 Bronze) and topped the medal tally.

There have been continuous efforts from the Government to up-lift the standard of coaching, infrastructure, quality of equipments, etc. A number of National Sports Academies have been established for various sports disciplines such as athletics, swimming, cycling, rowing, boxing, badminton, football, hockey, etc. under which state-of-the-art facilities are provided to athletes. Also, state-of-the-art sports infrastructure is provided at Sports Authority of India (SAI) Regional Centers for holding National Camps. High Performance Coaches including foreign coaches have been engaged for several sports disciplines. Expenditure incurred for purchase of equipments and for foreign coaches during the last three years and current year is given below:-

Amount (Rupees in lakhs)

Year	Purchase of equipments	Foreign Coaches
2014-15	277.50	1476.16
2015-16	1445.12	1680.94
2016-17	1198.68	1543.81
2017-18 (upto Oct. 2017)	1402.32	1128.71

(d): There is no shortage of coaches for the elite Indian athletes preparing for International events. It is the endeavor of the ministry to provide the appropriate quality of guidance to its athletes, recently SAI has recruited 161 Coaches for various sports disciplines and engaged coaches on contract basis.
