

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3233
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15.03.2018**

Athletics Federation of India

3233. DR. SHASHI THAROOR:

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

(a) whether the Athletics Federation of India had informed the National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) about holding the 57th National Open Athletics Championship in Chennai;

(b) if so, whether any dope tests were conducted by NADA for the said event;

(c) if so, the details and outcome thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR YOUTH
AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
{COL. RAJYAVARDHAN RATHORE (RETD.)}**

(a) Yes, Madam. National Anti Doping Agency (NADA) had received the information from Athletics Federation of India (AFI) about the holding of 57th National Open Athletics Championship in Chennai from 25th-28th September, 2017.

(b) to (d): NADA had conducted dope tests at various major International & National athletics events during the preceding year 2017. However, NADA had not conducted dope tests in the National Open Athletics Championship since NADA had already conducted dope tests in other priority events i.e.

Federation Cup National Senior Athletics Championship, Patiala in June 2017, Asian Athletics Championship, Bhubaneswar in July 2017 and 57th National Inter State Senior Athletics Championship, Guntur in August 2017.

Also the athletes in the Registered Testing Pool are also tested out-of-competition and their dope tests during all events are not necessary. Therefore, most of the top athletes who participated during National Open Athletics Championship stood tested during 2017.
