

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.6328
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.04.2018

Use of Sports Science

6328. SHRI JAYADEV GALLA:

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to take help of sports science in identifying and developing sports talent in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to make sports science an integral part of National and State sport teams for preparing them to represent India at international events;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government has made any assessment of use of sports science in India vis-à-vis other countries; and
- (f) if so, the details and outcome thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. This Ministry is setting up a National Centre for Sports Science and Research at NSNIS, Patiala to develop sports sciences education and research in various sports disciplines. Further, the Ministry is also entering into MOU with various Universities and Medical Institutions to initiate sports science academic programmes offering graduate and post graduate courses on sports science and thereby creating sports scientific cadres. Also, Sports Authority of India (SAI) has set up Sports Science Centre in 11 SAI Regional Centres across the country.

(c) & (d): Yes, Madam. Sports scientists are being hired to provide specialist services to the national teams preparing for international events. National teams are regularly taking support from sports physiotherapists, nutritionists, psychologists and masseurs etc. Sports science and medical establishments at SAI Regional Centers are extending all possible support during the training camps for preparation and participation in various tournaments. Latest technology sports science equipment are also being procured to provide faster recovery and rehabilitation to players. These facilities are also provided to State level/ District level players as per availability.

(e) & (f): Yes, Madam. Government of India constituted 2 expert committees namely Task Force and Core Committee on Sports Sciences with special mandate to identify the gaps and needs vis-a-vis sports science support to national teams. The recommendations of the committee are being incorporated during training cycle. Sports scientists from abroad are being contacted to provide training to Indian scientists who can later extend their services to national teams.
