

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

**Lok Sabha
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.581
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.12.2018**

Swimming Federation of India

581. SHRI PONGULETI SRINIVASA REDDY:

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

- (a) whether the Swimming Federation of India (SFI) has set a target of preparing the promising swimmers for the Tokyo Olympics-2020 and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether SFI has sent a list of foreign coaches to the Government for approval to groom the youngsters for the Olympics-2020 and also take held of some other Foundation in this regard and if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether SFI is keen on opening regional centres to provide platforms to budding talent and planning to expand throughout the country so that swimmers do not have to travel from one corner to another corner of the country; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the progress made so far in this regard?**

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

(a) & (b) As informed by Swimming Federation of India (SFI), they have set a target for preparing promising swimmers for 2020 Olympics and three swimmers are training abroad under different developmental programmes.

They have also informed that about 12 swimmers who are seeking qualification for 2020 Olympics are under training with national level top coaches.

No names of foreign coaches have been received from SFI seeking approval. However, SFI has informed that Glenmark Aquatic Foundation, has employed two foreign coaches to train young swimmers to bring them to International standards.

(c) There is no proposal of SFI to open regional centres on its own.

(d) Does not arise.
