

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.584  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.12.2018**

**Performance of Sportspersons**

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

**(a) whether the level of performance of India in athletics and other sports is not at par with other countries despite huge potential of young talent in the country;**

**(b) if so, the reaction of the Government in this regard;**

**(c) the details of latest techniques being used and training imparted to improve the performance of the players at international level; and**

**(d) the details of preparations being made to improve the level of performance in the Olympics-2020?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR YOUTH  
AFFAIRS AND SPORTS  
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**(a) & (b): India's overall performance in international sports in recent times has been improving. Achievements of Indian sportspersons / teams in major international events in recent years are furnished below:-**

**2018 Commonwealth Games – 66 medals  
(26 Gold+20 Silver+ 20 Bronze)**

**[Best performance of India in Commonwealth Games on foreign soil]**

**2018 – Asian Games – 69 medals  
(15 Gold+24 Silver+ 30 Bronze)**

**[Best performance of India in the history of Asian Games]**

**2018 – Asian Para Games- 72 medals  
(15 Gold+24Silver+ 33 Bronze)**

**[Best performance of India in the history of Para Asian Games]**

**2018 – Youth Olympic Games- 13 medals  
(03 Gold + 09 Silver + 01 Bronze)**

**[Best performance of India in the history of the Youth Olympic Games]**

**(c) Training to elite athletes is imparted by reputed foreign and Indian coaches with the help of supporting personnel using the latest techniques, tools and scientific support relevant to the specific event/discipline/sport.**

**(d) Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (MYAS) has identified six disciplines - Archery, Badminton, Boxing, Hockey, Shooting and Wrestling where traditionally India has been strong in the international arena. These federations are being provided the highest level of funding under the Annual Calendar for Training and Competitions (ACTC). In addition to these, the disciplines of Athletics and Weightlifting are also provided enhanced support for training of its athletes and participation in competition.**

**MYAS, under its Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS), identifies athletes from various disciplines, who have the potential of winning an Olympic medal. These athletes are provided additional funds for preparation for international events and support for coaching, equipment, support staff. Under TOPS, selected athletes are also provided an out of pocket allowance (OPA) of Rs. 50,000/- per month. The performance of athletes under the scheme are periodically being reviewed and new athletes are included if they have medal winning potential at international level.**

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