

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2133  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14.03.2023**

**Action Plan for 2024 Olympic Games**

**2133. SHRI L.S. TEJASVI SURYA:  
SHRI SANGANNA AMARAPPA:  
SHRI ANNASAHEB SHANKAR JOLLE:  
SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:**

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

- (a) whether the Government and NITI Aayog has prepared an Action Plan to achieve the target of winning 100 medals in the 2024 Olympic Games;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the modus operandi for selecting and training the athletes for 2024 Olympic Games;**
- (c) the action taken by the Government in this regard; and**
- (d) the steps taken to checks and balances would be in place to ensure fair selection of sportspersons to participate in National and International events?**

**ANSWER  
THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS  
[SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR]**

**(a) to (c): In September 2016, NITI Aayog, published a document titled "Let's Play – Target 50 Olympic Medals", providing a 20 point Action Plan, divided into short term and medium to long term, in this regard. These action points, inter-alia, include Targeting a Group of Priority Sports, Harnessing the potential of Indigenous and Regional Sports, World Class Coaches, Grading System for coaches,**

**Facilitating creation of more sports academies for individual sports, Promoting Revenue Generating Methods for Team Leagues of Priority Sports, Reviewing Performance of Sportspersons, Sports Bodies and Sports Infrastructure, Catch Them Young, Dedicated Training Programme for Coaches, Encourage development of sports infrastructure through Private or Public Private Partnership (PPP) Mode etc.**

**Insofar as the preparation of athletes for international sports events including forthcoming Paris Summer Olympics, 2024 is concerned, this is facilitated under the Scheme of Government of India called Assistance to National Sports Federations (NSFs), as also under the Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS). Training, competitive exposure within the country and abroad, engagement of foreign coaches, support staff including physiotherapists, masseurs, sports psychologists, sports nutritionists etc. is taken care of under the said Scheme. For each of the NSFs, the Annual Calendar of Training & Competitions (ACTCs) is finalized in consultation with NSFs, Sports Authority of India (SAI) and experts such as High Performance Directors, Chief National Coaches etc.**

**The selection for training of athletes who are medal prospects for mega sports events is done through the mechanism of Mission Olympic Cell (MOC), based on which customized training is provided to the elite athletes. Performance review is held at regular intervals for retention and weeding out of athletes.**

**The strategy adopted for Paris Summer Olympics in 2024 aims for a holistic preparation across key milestones emphasizing on following points:**

- **Selection of probable athletes**
- **Identification of qualifying events**
- **Coach-athlete target setting for each milestone event**
- **Sports science evaluation, interventions and result tracking**
- **Athlete Wellness & Injury Management**
- **Structured training programmes**
- **Training and competition planning with clear understanding of peak events in each year**
- **Interventions for mental toughness & self-awareness**
- **Regular & systematic performance evaluation of athletes in coordination with the concerned NSF**

**(d): NSFs are primarily responsible for judicious selection of national teams for participation in major international events, based on transparent and fair selection criteria, and are required to upload the selection criteria/selection policy well in advance on their websites.**

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