

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2822  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.12.2019**

**Doping Tests for Sportspersons**

**2822. SHRI VINOD KUMAR SONKAR:**

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

- (a) whether the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) has recently suspended the accreditation of the National Dope Testing Laboratory (NDTL) that could be a massive blow to anti-doping movement in the country with less than a year left for Tokyo Olympics and if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of the Government thereto;**
- (b) whether many sportspersons have been tested positive in doping tests conducted for Tokyo Olympics by National Anti Doping Agency and if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Ministry has constituted any Committee to enquire into issues concerning prevalence of Doping and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (d) whether doping scandal involving leading athletes would hit India's preparation for Olympics and if so, the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?**

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)  
FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS  
(SHRI KIREN RIJJU)**

- (a) The World Anti Doping Agency (WADA) has suspended accreditation of National Dope Testing Laboratory (NDTL) w.e.f 20/08/2019 for a period of six months due to some shortcomings noted by the WADA Laboratory Expert Group during its visit in September, 2018. At the time of suspension NDTL had already complied with 38 of the 47 action**

**points to the satisfaction of WADA. For the remaining a compliance letter to WADA had been sent in October, 2019. WADA has assured to send its Expert Group in January, 2020 to facilitate lifting of the suspension. This is not affected anti- doping and Tokyo Olympic preparations. Arrangements have been made with Anti Doping Laboratory, Qatar and samples are sent there.**

**(b) The stage for dope testing of athletes for Tokyo Olympics has not yet come.**

**(c) No Sir, this Ministry has not constituted any Committee to enquire into issues relating to prevalence of doping in the recent past. In July, 2011, a one member Committee of Justice Mukul Mudgal, Retired Chief Justice of High Court of Punjab and Haryana was constituted. Justice Mudgal submitted his report in May, 2012 and appropriate action was taken.**

**(d) No doping scandal has come to the notice of the Government so far. As and when the result of dope testing is found positive for any athlete, appropriate action is taken by NADA.**

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