

**Government of India
Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports
Department of Sports**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †2508
TO BE ANSWERD ON 05.03.2020**

Deteriorating Performance in Sports

†2508. SHRI SANJAY JADHAV:

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

- (a) whether the Government has ascertained the reasons for deteriorating performance in sports in the country;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken/ being taken to improve the situation;**
- (c) whether the National Sports Federation alone is responsible for this deteriorating performance;**
- (d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and**
- (e) the details of corrective measures adopted by the Government to improve the performance in sports in the country including Maharashtra?**

ANSWER

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

(a) to (e) Performance of sportspersons in international events is dependent on the stage of development of sports in a country in terms of sports infrastructure, training / coaching methods, sports science, etc. Achievements of Indian sportspersons and teams in international sports events, including mega sports events, in recent past shows that there has been a perceptible improvement in performance of Indian sportspersons in international sports events.

While Sports is a State subject and the responsibility of development of Sports rests with the State Governments, the Central Government is playing a pivotal role for promoting high performance in sports. National Sports Federations (NSFs) are being encouraged and supported for attainment of their respective medium and long term plans. Annual targets for training of athletes

for high performance and their participation in competition are approved for different NSFs by this Ministry in the annual exercise of preparing Annual Calendar for Training and Competitions (ACTCs). With the launch of Khelo India Scheme, there has been increased awareness and participation of people in sports and Indian athletes have earned accolades in sports such as archery, athletics, badminton, boxing, hockey, shooting, wrestling, weightlifting, etc. in international events.

This Ministry (i) has set up expert training facilities in the Sports Authority of India (SAI) Centres across the country in various States including in Maharashtra; (ii) is supporting athletes for participation in international exposure and competitions through financial assistance to NSFs; and (iii) providing customized support and assistance to high performance medal prospect athletes under the Target Olympic Podium Scheme.
