GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION No.103 TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.07.2024

Initiatives for Olympic 2024

103 SMT. SAJDA AHMED:

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken any strategic initiatives or proposes to enhance the performance of Indian athletes for 2024 Olympics, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of measures in place to identify and support emerging talent across various sports disciplines and the finalized contingents, including those for wrestling;
- (c) whether the Government coordinating with National Sports Federations to ensure compliance with global standards and best practices in preparation for the 2024 Olympics; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

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(a) to (d): Sir, preparation for International events including Olympics is an ongoing and continuous process. The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, National Sports Federations (NSFs), including the Indian Olympic Association (IOA), and Sports Authority of India (SAI) are working in close coordination for providing best facilities, training, equipement support, wholesome nutritious diet required for preparation of the Indian teams and sportspersons for the forthcoming international sports events, including the Olympics.

The selection for customized training of the elite athletes who are medal prospects for mega sports events is done through the Ministry's Mission Olympic Cell (MOC). Performance review is also held at regular intervals by this mechanism.

The strategy adopted for the Paris Summer Olympics in 2024 aims for holistic preparation. The key support provided to the sportspersons/ teams, including that of Wrestling, is as under:

- Continuous monitoring and review of Athletes performance on a weekly basis;
- Additional sports funding through CSR;
- Detailed examination of selection policies of NSFs based on best international practices;
- Upgradation of all facilities of SAI centres for, inter alia, diet, equipment, field of play;
- On-boarding of all stakeholders for athlete centric decision making;
- Camp identification for the best suited foreign pre-game training by SAI team two years prior to the Games;
- Data driven decision making.
