

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)
LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2626
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15-12-2015
Qualification for Rio Olympics-2016**

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

- (a) whether several countries of the world are expediting their preparation for Rio Olympics-2016 whereas only a few players of the country are able to qualify for the said Olympics with minimum standards;**
- (b) if so, whether the Government has made any efforts to identify the players who have the potential to win medals for the country;**
- (c) if so, the names of probable strong contenders for medals; and**
- (d) the details of the efforts made in this regard?**

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
(SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL)**

(a) 57 athletes (25 in individual events and 16 members each of men and women Hockey team) have already qualified for participation in Rio Olympics 2016. More sportspersons are expected to qualify for participation in Rio Olympics 2016 as the qualification process will go on upto the first week of July 2016.

Preparations for improving the performance of the sportspersons and teams of the country in international sports events including Rio Olympics 2016 is an ongoing exercise. Coaching camps, customized training within the country and abroad with scientific back-up, competition exposures and engagement of foreign coaches are planned accordingly.

(b) to (d): The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports have formulated a Scheme namely, 'Target Olympic Podium (TOP) Scheme' with the objective of identifying and supporting potential medal prospects for 2016 and 2020 Olympic Games. Focused disciplines are Athletics, Archery, Badminton, Boxing, Wrestling and Shooting.

106 athletes have been identified so far through a process of research and consultation with the National Sports Federations and National Coaches/ Experts of the relevant disciplines. Financial assistance is being provided to these athletes for customized training and other support. The list of athletes identified under TOP Scheme is attached as ANNEXURE-I.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (B) TO (D) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 2626 REGARDING QUALIFICATION FOR RIO OLYMPICS-2016 FOR 15.12.2015 ASKED BY SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL, HON'BLE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT.

S No	Name	Discipline
1	Vikas Gowda	Athletics
2	Seema Punia	Athletics
3	Arpinder Singh	Athletics
4	Khushbir Kaur	Athletics
5	K T Irfan	Athletics
6	Saina Nehwal	Badminton
7	P V Sindhu	Badminton
8	P Kashyap	Badminton
9	K Srikanth	Badminton
10	Guru Saidutt	Badminton
11	H.S Prannoy	Badminton
12	MC Mary Kom	Boxing
13	Sarita Devi	Boxing
14	Pinki Rani	Boxing
15	Devendro Singh	Boxing
16	Shiva Thapa	Boxing
17	Mandeep Jangra,	Boxing
18	Vijender Singh	Boxing
19	Vikas Krishan	Boxing
20	Abhinav Bindra	Shooting
21	Gagan Narang	Shooting
22	Sanjeev Rajput	Shooting
23	Ayonika Paul	Shooting
24	Apurvi Chandela	Shooting
25	Heena Sidhu	Shooting
26	Shewta Singh	Shooting
27	Malaika Goel	Shooting
28	Jitu Rai	Shooting
29	P N Prakash	Shooting
30	Vijay Kumar	Shooting
31	Rahi Sarnobat	Shooting
32	Anisa Sayyed	Shooting
33	Manavjit Singh Sandhu	Shooting

34	Ankur Mittal	Shooting
35	Mohd Ashab	Shooting
36	Kynan Chenai	Shooting
37	Sushil Kumar	Wrestling
38	Yogeshwar Dutt	Wrestling
39	Bajrang	Wrestling
40	Amit Kumar	Wrestling
41	Rahul Aware	Wrestling
42	Babita Kumari	Wrestling
43	Vinesh Phogat	Wrestling
44	Varsha Gautham	Sailors
45	Aishwarya Nedunchezhiyan	Sailors
46	Tarundeep Rai	Archery
47	Atanu Das	Archery
48	Jayanta Talukdar	Archery
49	Mangal Champia	Archery
50	Viswash	Archery
51	Ranjit Naik	Archery
52	Deepika Kumari	Archery
53	Bombayla Devi	Archery
54	Rimil Buruily	Archery
55	Laxmi Rani Majhi	Archery
56	Dola Banerjee	Archery
57	Snehal	Archery
58	Sanjay Boro	Archery
59	Atul Verma	Archery
60	Binod Swansi	Archery
61	Madhu Vedwan	Archery
62	Priyanka Pawar	Athletics
63	Tintu Luka	Athletics
64	Debashree Majumdar	Athletics
65	M.R. Poovamma	Athletics
66	Anilda Thomas	Athletics
67	Ashwini Akkunji	Athletics
68	Jauna Murmu	Athletics
69	Sini Jose	Athletics
70	Mandeep Kaur	Athletics
71	Chavi Sharawat	Athletics
72	Anju Thomas	Athletics
73	Nirmala	Athletics
74	Arpitha M.	Athletics
75	K. Ganapathy	Athletics

76	Manish Rawat	Athletics
77	Sandeep Kumar	Athletics
78	Devender Singh	Athletics
79	Sumit Sangwan	Boxing
80	Sarjubala Devi	Boxing
81	Chain Singh	Shooting
82	Maana Patel	Swimming
83	Inderjeet Singh	Athletics
84	Navjeet Kaur	Athletics
85	Gurmeet Singh	Athletic
86	Jisna Mathew	Athletics
87	Dipa Karmakar	Gymnastics
88	Geeta Phogat	Wrestling
89	Narsingh Yadav	Wrestling
90	Leander Paes	Tennis
91	Sania Mirza	Tennis
92	Rohan Bopanna	Tennis
93	Gurpreet Singh	Shooting
94	Amit Saroha	Para-Athletics
95	Sharad Kumar	Para Athletes
96	Devendar	Para Athletics
97	Karamjyoti	Para Athletics
98	Narender	Para Athletics
99	Deepa Malik	Para Athletics
100	H N Girisha	Para Athletics
101	Sandeep Singh Maan	Para Athletics
102	Sharath Gayakwad	Para Swimming
103	Jwala Gutta	Badminton
104	Ashwini Ponnappa	Badminton
105	Manu Atri	Badminton
106	Sumeeth Reddy	Badminton
