

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3146
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RESIGNATION BY SCIENTIFIC OFFICERS/DOCTORS
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether a number of Senior Scientific Officers and Sports Medicine Doctors have resigned from their posts recently as reported in the Times of India dated September 09, 2006;
- (b) If so, the reasons therefor ;
- (c) The sanctioned/actual strength of Senior Scientific Officers and Sports Medicine Doctors working with the Sports Authority of India (SAI) and the National Sports Centres in the country;
- (d) Whether the Government has analyzed its impact on performance of sportspersons particularly when the Asian Games are to be held in Doha;
- (e) If so, the details thereof; and
- (f) The remedial measures taken by the Union Government in this regard including the steps taken to fill up the existing vacancies of Senior Scientific Officers and the Sports Medicine Doctors?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ, YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION
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(a)&(b) : One Senior Scientific Officer (Physiology) and one Scientific Officer (Physiology) took voluntary retirement due to personal reasons; two Junior Scientific Officers (Nutrition and Physiology) resigned to take up other employment; and, two Junior Scientific Officers

(Psychology and Physiology) resigned due to personal reasons/ family problems in the recent past, no doctor has resigned.

(c) The posts assessed by Staff Inspection Unit (SIU), Ministry of Finance and actual strength of scientific cadre in SAI are as under:-

Post Strength assessed by SIU Actual Strength

Senior Scientific Officer	07- 05	
Scientific Officer	13 13	
Junior Scientific Officers	25	10

The strength does not specify specific disciplines.

(d)& (e):No specific analysis has been carried out in the context of impact on performance with reference to the Asian Games in Doha. However, this whole subject is being reviewed in depth in the context of the ongoing exercises for the formulation of the Eleventh Five-Year Plan.

(f)Posts of Senior Scientific Officer (SSO) and Scientific Officer (SO) are to be filled by promotion for which action is underway.The post of Junior Scientific Officer (JSO) is a direct recruitment post and there is a ban on direct recruitment. Scientists at this level are being engaged on a contract basis against vacant posts.