

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the selection of sports persons and coaches for all the games for Olympic Games, 2008 has been made by SAI; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the action plan formulated for athletes and coaches?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SUNIL DUTT)

(a) No, Sir. The selections for sportspersons & their coaches for participation in Olympics Games are made by the National Sports Federations (NSFs). However, sportspersons/teams have to qualify/achieve the qualifying standards/norms fixed by the international sports federation/International Olympic Committee in identified national/international competitions before they participate in Olympic Games.

(b) The preparation/training of sportspersons for major international events including Olympic Games is an on-going process which take into account inputs provided by NSFs. Systematic approach is adopted to select and train athletes and teams for participation in the major international events by drawing Long Term Development Programme (LTDP) to put in action four year roll-on Plan under which elite sportspersons selected on the basis of their performance are put through scientifically designed continuous training programme. Coaches are also being imparted training from time to time.