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Title: Need to identify and groom talented sportspersons in the country.

SHRIMATI PRATIMA MONDAL (JAYANAGAR): Kindly imagine for a minute that in an enormous level such as ours holding almost 18 per cent of the world's total population, how much potential we hold. There are thousands of talent that fail to be recognized and even professional athletes are not supported at a level on par with international standards to be able to perform their bests at international sports events such as Olympics. It's just not about winning medals for the country. For me, it is not shameful that we did not win more than 2 medals in the Olympics this year in Rio, Brazil but it is shameful that we fail to support our talent as much as we should despite having resources to do so. I would like to the Hon. Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports to consider means to help recognize talents and support professional athletes to train and excel.