

Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports

'Adopt Policy of Zero Tolerance towards Doping', says Sports Minister Vijay Goel

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Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Youth Affairs & Sports Shri Vijay Goel has taken serious note of the incidence of doping in the country and has directed National Anti Doping Agency (NADA), Indian Olympic Association, National Sports Federations and Sports Authority of India (SAI) to adopt a policy of 'Zero tolerance' towards doping. The Minister has asked NADA to organize a seminar with all stakeholders tomorrow to discuss the issue threadbare and finalize an effective strategy to deal with the menace, including the possibility of making doping a criminal offence.

He has also directed the NADA to sensitize the players at grassroots level about the ill-effects of doping through regular seminars and information campaigns at schools and colleges. Shri Goel added that the Government is contemplating to set up a mechanism to test food supplements, so that athletes can be sure that the food supplements they are using, are free of prohibited substances. He also emphasized on a scientific approach to diet and nutrition for athletes.

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