

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1202
ANSWERED ON:30.07.2001
RESTORATION OF INDO-PAK CRICKET TEST
BHIM PRASAD DAHAL;RAVI PRAKASH VERMA;SANAT KUMAR MANDAL

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

- (a) whether the Union Government have decided to restore the Indo-Pak test cricket matches;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government are also considering to restore hockey matches between two countries in near future; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI PON.RADHAKIRISHNAN)

(a) & (b): After taking all the relevant factors into consideration, the Government has come to the view that circumstances prevailing at present are not fully conducive for Indian cricket team to play bilateral matches against Pakistan. There is, however, generally no objection to playing against Pakistan in multilateral matches at regular venues.

(c) & (d) : Presently, Government has not received any proposal for hockey matches with Pakistan from the concerned National Sports Federation. The Government will take a decision on receipt of the proposal in this regard.