

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3678  
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ORGANISING SPORTS COMPETITIONS BY SPORTS AUTHORITY OF INDIA  
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**Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Sports Authority of India (SAI) are organising sports competitions for junior Hockey and Junior Cricket trainees at the local, regional and national level;
- (b) if so, the details thereof ;
- (c) whether there are sufficient number of coaches with SAI; and
- (d) if so, the number of international players in hockey and cricket produced during each of the last three years ?

**Answer**

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

- (a) & (b) : No, Sir. However, the Sports Authority of India (SAI) organizes sports competitions in Hockey along with other sports disciplines for trainees covered under its sports promotion schemes at local, regional and national level. Cricket is not an adopted discipline under the SAI Sports Promotional Schemes. Therefore, no competitions are organized in this discipline.
- (c) Yes, Sir.
- (d) Under the Sports Authority of India (SAI) Sports Promotional Schemes 42 Hockey trainees participated in various international competitions during the last three years.