

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

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SPORTS EVENTS IN J & K
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government of Jammu and Kashmir has urged the Board of Cricket Control of India (BCCI) to organize some international cricket events in the State;
- (b) if so, whether the proposal has been considered by the Government and the BCCI;
- (c) the number of international cricket and other events organized in the State in the past; and
- (d) the national or international sports events proposed to be organized in the State, if any, in the near future?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI VIJAY GOEL)

- (a) As per information received from the BCCI, the Govt. of J & K had requested BCCI to organize some international cricket event in the state.
- (b) to (d): BCCI has informed that as of now there is no international cricket match in India in 2003-04 cricket season. The next season would begin only in October, 2004. BCCI may consider allotting matches to J & K in future provided it is satisfied that all modern arrangements and amenities required to organize international matches exist in the venue and also, provided the Govt. gives its permission including from the security angle.

BCCI has informed that international cricket matches had been played in the past in Jammu & Srinagar. But the last time that an international match was allotted to J & K was in 1988-89. The information on other sports events organised in J & K in the past and likely to be organized in the near future is being collected from all National Sports Federations and will be laid on the Table of the House.