

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

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PERFORMANCE OF CRICKET AND HOCKEY TEAMS  
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**Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn towards the disappointing performances of the Cricket and Hockey teams;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has conducted any enquiry into the matter;
- (c) if so, the outcome thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has prepared any scheme to bring improvement in the performance of said teams; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SUNIL DUTT)

(a) to (e) : The attention of the Government has been drawn to the fact that the performance of Indian hockey and cricket teams lacks consistency. The monitoring of performance of teams and taking remedial measures is within the purview of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) and Indian Hockey Federation which are registered bodies under Societies Registration Act.

As regards hockey, after Athens Olympics Games, 2004, a meeting with office bearers of the Indian Hockey Federation was held to analyze their past performance and discuss their future plan of action for achieving excellence in international events