

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

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POOR PERFORMANCE OF INDIAN HOCKEY TEAM

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

- (a) whether the performance of Indian Hockey Team after Olympics is continuously declining;
- (b) if so, whether frequent change of coaches by Indian Hockey Federation (I.H.F.) is the main reason behind the dismal performance of Indian Hockey Team;
- (c) if so, the number of coaches replaced by I.H.F. during the last 5 years; and
- (d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to save the pride of Indian Hockey in future?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) : The promotion of the game of hockey, evaluation of performance and taking corrective measures is, primarily the responsibility of the Indian Hockey Federation (IHF), which is an autonomous society registered under the Societies registration Act, 1860. As per information received from the IHF, there is no decline in the performance after Olympics.

(c) As per information received from the IHF, it has appointed 4 National Coaches for Indian Hockey Team since the year 2000.

(d) The Government supplements the efforts of the National Sports Federations including the IHF by providing financial assistance under various schemes of this Ministry for training and participation in International sports events abroad, organization of international sports events in India, holding of National Championship at Sub-Junior, Junior and Senior levels, training/coaching of National teams under Indian and Foreign coaches, procurement of equipment and by providing requisite technical and scientific back-up.