

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:354
ANSWERED ON:20.04.2010
PERFORMANCE OF HOCKEY TEAM IN WORLD CUP
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has analysed the reasons for the poor performance of the Indian Hockey team in the World Cup Hockey conducted recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the poor performance of the team is attributable to internal rifts, poor selection and poor management by the Indian Hockey Federation and the Indian Olympic Association;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (e) the remedial measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government for improving the performance of the team?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (DR. M.S. GILL)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.354 FOR REPLY ON 20-4-2010 BY SHRI NAVEEN JINDAL AND SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA REGARDING PERFORMANCE OF INDIAN TEAM IN WORLD CUP.

(a) to (d) As per the report submitted by the selectors of the national hockey team and observers appointed by the Government, the primary factors responsible for the sub-optimal performance of the Indian hockey team were excessive dependence on individual players, and a lack of coordination as a team, besides lack of consistent performance by some players.

As a first measure, to improve the performance, the national selectors have effected large scale replacements in the core probables, substituting non-performing players, with young and promising players, who have been performing consistently well in the recent domestic tournaments.

(e) Hockey is already in the priority category, and government is providing all round support, for the preparation of national men and women teams, which includes intensive coaching, engagement of high performance coaches, latest equipment, sports science support, and foreign competition exposures. The amount spent by the Government, for the last three years, and the current year for development of hockey, including imparting training and participation in international sports events is given below:-

Rupees in crores

2007-08 2008-09 2009-10

3.16 3.45 7.60