

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6208  
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PERFORMANCE IN HOCKEY WORLD CUP  
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**Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of the causes of India's poor performance in the recently concluded World Cup Hockey;
- (b) whether any Enquiry Committee has been set up by the Government to probe the sequence of events beginning with the strike of the Hockey team at the National Camp in Pune and the following controversies including an incident at Chandigarh where the hockey team allegedly refused to play due to a dispute over the pecuniary compensation and its consequent impact on the team's dismal performance in the World Cup;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether any responsibility has been fixed for the team's poor performance during the said tournament;
- (e) if so, the details of action taken against those responsible for this sordid state of affairs;
- (f) the measures being taken to ensure that such dismal performance is not repeated in the forthcoming Commonwealth Games; and
- (g) the schedule of training camps proposed to be held across disciplines as a run up to the Commonwealth Games?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI PRATIK PRAKASHBAPU PATIL)

- (a) 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.
- (b) No, Madam. The strike by Indian hockey team was on account of non-fulfillment of contractual agreements by their federation. The Government has no role in such matters.
- (c) Does not arise.
- (d) No, Madam.
- (e) Does not arise.
- (f) 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.
- (g) A total of 178 coaching camps in 21 disciplines, including 4 Paralympics sports disciplines, have been held in last two years. From this year onwards, continuous coaching camps, in all the 21 disciplines, are being held upto October, 2010 for preparing Indian teams for Commonwealth Games, 2010.