

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

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POPULARISING HOCKEY AND OTHER SPORTS

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

- (a) whether Hockey and other sports are lagging behind due to paucity of funds;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government for promoting and popularizing Hockey and other sports in the country; and
- (d) the success achieved in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS (DR. M.S. GILL)

(a): No, Sir. The Government has provided a grant of Rs. 32.23 crores during 2006-07, Rs. 57.40 crores during 2007-08 and Rs. 41.50 crores during 2008-09 to recognized National Sports Federations under the Scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations for conducting national coaching camps; holding of national and international championships/ tournaments; foreign competition exposure; engagement of foreign coaches; procurement of sports equipment and consumables, etc.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): The Government supplements the efforts of National Sports Federations for promotion and development of various sports disciplines. Sports Authority of India operates focused schemes for the identification and nurturing of sports talent. All those who graduate into national athletes are given customized training, including international competition exposure.

(d): As a result of concerted efforts of all the stakeholders, there has been some improvement in the performance of India in major international events, including the last Summer Olympics.