

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

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ALLEGATION OF HARASSMENT IN SPORTS

Abdulrahman Shri ;Choudhary Shri Bhudeo;Gaikwad Shri Eknath Mahadeo;Gandhi Shri Dilip Kumar Mansukhlal;Majumdar Shri Prasanta Kumar;Shantha J.;Sugumar Shri K. ;Tagore Shri Manicka;Tirkey Shri Manohar;Yaskhi Shri Madhu Goud

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

- (a) whether there has been reports of women players of different sports including hockey players leveling charges of sexual harassment against their coaches, and support staff;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken in this regard, sport discipline-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has taken any corrective measures to avoid such incidents in future; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): Yes Sir. Based on complaints of sexual harassment against National Women Hockey coach Mr. M K Kaushik, the Ministry's "Committee on Sexual Harassment" has been asked to conduct an expeditious enquiry into the matter and submit its report at the earliest. The Committee consists of following members:-

- i) Smt Sharda Ali Khan, Director Chairperson
- ii) Smt Deepika Kachhal, Director Special Counselor
- iii) Sh Thangmlemilan, Deputy Secretary Member
- iv) Smt Padma Menon, PS Member
- v) Smt Bulbul Das, Advocate and
Member incharge, Law and Legislation Member
All India Women's Conference
- vi) Smt Yasmin Khan, Member, Delhi Co-opted Member
Commission for Women

Following the resignation of Mr Mk K Kaushik, Mr Sandeep Somesh has now been made coaching incharge of the women hockey team till the selection of the new National Coach. The committee for selection of the team has also been reconstituted with following former international hockey players as members:

- i) Col Balbir Singh, Jalandhar
- ii) Ms Rupa Saini, Government Observer, Hockey
- iii) Ms Seeta Mehta, Northern Railways, Delhi
- iv) Mr Ajit Pal Singh, Government Observer, Hockey
- v) Mr Zafar Iqbal, Government Observer, Hockey

There have also been media reports about a former weightlifter making allegations of sexual harassment against National Weightlifting Coach Mr Ramesh Malhotra and his trainees denying it. However taking note of the complaints, the Sports Authority of India has withdrawn Mr Malhotra from the coaching camp.

The Ministry has also issued instructions to federations and sports bodies to have a mechanism in place to deal with complaints of sexual harassment.