

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

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

- (a) whether several cases of sexual harassment of female sports persons in different sports disciplines/sports federations including by coaches/instructors have been reported in the recent past;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, sports discipline-wise, and sports federation-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has taken any action against those found guilty;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government also proposes to take any deterrent steps to check/prevent such incidents; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The Government has received a complaint of sexual harassment against Shri M.K. Kaushik who was the National coach of women hockey team.

(c) & (d): 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 Thanglemlian, Deputy Secretary Member
- iv) Smt Padma Menon, PS Member
- v) Smt Bulbul Das, Advocate and Member Member incharge, Law and Legislation All India Women's Conference
- vi) Smt Yasmin Khan, Member, Delhi Co-opted Member Commission for Women

Following the complaint, Shri M K Kaushik resigned from the post of National Coach and Mr Sandeep Somesh has been made coaching incharge of the women hockey team till the selection of a new National Coach. The remaining team of coaches and support staff for women hockey team has also been reconstituted with the following members:

- i) Mr. Sandeep Somesh Coach-incharge
- ii) Ms. Sandeep Kaur Coach
- iii) Mohd. Khalid Coach
- iv) Ms. Pritma Sivach Coach
- v) D. Bimla Bhatia Doctor
- vi) Ms. Ankita Tandon Physiotherapist
- vii) Ms. H Nalini Sports Analyst
- viii) Mr. P.K. Singh Physical Trainer
- ix) Ms. Rupa Saini Manager

(e) & (f): The Government has issued detailed guidelines for prevention of sexual harassment of women in sports.