

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

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to include hockey in the curriculum of schools and colleges to revive hockey;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government also proposes to reclaim the past glory of hockey at international level;and
- (e) if so, the details of funds/financial assistance provided to male and female hockey sportspersons and facilitating sponsorships through industrial houses?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN)

(a) to (c): As per the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009, every school is required to provide playgrounds, sports equipments as well as part time instructors for physical education. However, there is no proposal for including hockey or any other specific sport discipline in the curriculum of schools and colleges.

(d) & (e): The Government is providing all round support for the preparation of national men and women hockey teams, which includes intensive coaching, engagement of high performance coaches, latest equipment, sports science support and foreign competition exposure. The amount spent by the Government during 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

Year provided	Financial Assistance
2007-08	Rs. 3.16
2008-09	Rs. 3.45
2009-10	Rs. 7.82
2010-11	Rs. 0.92 (till 21-2-2011)

The sponsorship agreements with industrial houses for development of game is done by the concerned federation and the Government has no role in it.