

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

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

- (a) whether the Internationals Hockey Federation has shifted venue from India in the recently concluded Champions Trophy;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether due to differences between International Hockey Federation and Indian Hockey Federation/Hockey India there is a move to keep away Indian team from participating in London Olympic, 2012;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the corrective measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN)

- (a)&(b) Yes, Madam. The venue of the Champions Trophy was shifted by FIH from India as the international body felt that there was uncertainty in the management of affairs of Hockey in India.
- (c) No, Madam. The probables of Indian Hockey Team are presently under intensive training for preparation for participation in the Qualifiers for London Olympics, 2012.
- (d) Does not arise.
- (e) Hockey is a high priority sport for the Government. International standard training facilities and build up competitions are being provided for the preparation of the Indian Hockey team. Further Government not only provides all the necessary facilities including training, foreign exposures for training and competition, foreign and Indian coaches and other support personnel, but also assesses the performance of the Indian Hockey players at periodic intervals. As a part of preparation for Olympics, the Government has spent Rs 16.10 crore on hockey from April to November 2011 for the various aspects of the game including foreign exposure, foreign coaches, boarding and lodging etc.