

**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 the national game;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the other efforts taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to popularise hockey and reclaim its past glory at national/international level; and
- (d) the details of financial assistance, sports infrastructure, training facilities and better financial remuneration provided to male and female hockey sportspersons during each of the last three years and the current year?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): 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.

(c)&(d): 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 round support for the preparation of national men and women hockey teams and 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. The Government has spent Rs.16.27 crores on hockey from April to November 2011 for the various aspects of the game including foreign exposure, foreign coaches, boarding and lodging, preparation for Olympics, 2012, etc.

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

(Rs. in crores)

Year	Financial Assistance provided
2007-08	3.16
2008-09	3.45
2009-10	7.82
2010-11	4.36
2011-12	16.27 (upto Nov. 2011)