

**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 sports discipline of hockey is lagging behind in the country including in tribal and rural areas;
- (b) if so, the reasons identified by the Government therefor;
- (c) the steps taken/being taken to promote hockey in the country including in tribal/rural areas and at the school level; and
- (d) the funds allocated/expenditure incurred by the Government to promote hockey during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) The Sports Authority of India (SAI) is implementing the following Schemes for identification and nurturing of identified talented sportspersons including hockey players:

- (i) National Sports Talent Contest (NSTC) Scheme,
- (ii) Army Boys' Sports Companies (ABSC) Scheme,
- (iii) SAI Training Centers (STC) Scheme,
- (iv) Special Area Games (SAG) Scheme,
- (v) Centres of Excellence (CoE) Scheme.

The Government, through its various Schemes provides financial assistance to the respective National Sports Federation (NSFs) towards their training, coaching, participation in national and international tournaments, sports equipments, incentives in the form of cash awards, pension and sports awards, etc.

(d) State-wise and sport-wise allocation of funds is not made by the Government. Details of the expenditure incurred during the last three years under various Schemes of sports including hockey are given in the table below:

(Rs. in crore)

| S.No | Name of the scheme | 2009-10 | 2010-11 | 2011-12 |
|------|--|---------|---------|---------|
| 1. | Sports Authority of India | 206.15 | 347.00 | 250.90 |
| 2. | Scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations (NSFs) | 50.53 | 81.44 | 100.00 |
| 3. | National Sports Development Fund (NSDF) | 3.11 | 2.58 | 5.39 |
| 4. | Scheme of Talent Search & Training | 1.00 | 7.00 | 2.00 |
| 5. | Scheme of Special Cash Awards for Winners of medals in international sports events and their coaches | 5.50 | 34.00 | 11.74 |

6. Scheme of Pension to Meritorious Sportspersons 6.50 30.50 3.50

7. Scheme of National Sports Awards, viz., Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna, Arjuna Awards, Dronacharya Awards, Dhyanchand Awards, Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar and Maulana Abul Kalam Azad (MAKA) Trophy 1.24 1.37 1.54