

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

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PROMOTING HOCKEY/FOOTBALL GAMES

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

- (a) whether the youth are not taking interest in hockey and football games due to insufficient support given by the Government to these games;
- (b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to provide foreign coaches and construct more hockey and football stadia in various parts of the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Madhya Pradesh, and sports discipline- wise;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to formulate a strategy for better performance of the Indian hockey team in the ensuing Olympic games to be held in 2016 and also for other hockey sports competitions; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS(SHRI JITENDRA SINGH)

(a) & (b) Youth of the country have been taking interest in hockey and football. The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports has been extending support to these disciplines through its various Schemes like 'Scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations', 'Urban Sports Infrastructure Scheme', 'National Sports Development Fund' and 'Panchayat Yuva Krida Aur Khel Abhiyan'. Sports Authority of India has also been extending support for promotion of hockey and football through its Schemes.

(c) & (d) Government is already providing services of foreign coaches to train hockey and football teams for international events. Government also provides full assistance for intensive coaching of the national teams through national coaching camps, organized by the Sports Authority of India.

Sports is a State subject. This Ministry has no proposal at present to construct more hockey and football stadia in various parts of the country.

(e) & (f) The primary responsibility for the promotion of a sport rests with the concerned recognized National Sports Federation (NSF). Government supplements the efforts of the NSF by providing financial assistance to the NSFs for procurement of equipment and consumables, holding national/international sports events in India, participation of sportspersons/teams in international sports events abroad and training/coaching of national level sportspersons/teams through Indian and foreign coaches, as per agreed Long Term Development Plans (LTDPs) with the NSFs.

Making of efforts to improve performance of the National Teams, including hockey Competitions, is an ongoing process.