

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:383

ANSWERED ON:22.04.2013

BETTING IN SPORTS EVENTS

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

- (a) whether some instances of betting/ fixing in major sports events have come to the notice of the Government in the recent past;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to check such activities?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (C) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 383 FOR ANSWER ON 22.04.2013 REGARDING 'BETTING IN SPORTS EVENTS' BY SHRI ARJUN MEGHWAL, SHRI GUTHA SUKHENDER REDDY:

(a) Yes, Madam. Some instances of betting / match fixing in Cricket have been reported in the Media.

(b) As per information given by Board for Control of Cricket in India (BCCI), they instituted an enquiry based on the sting operation carried by a News Channel and three players were banned for one year, one player for five years and one player for life.

(c) The subject matter of Betting falls under Entry 34 of the State List of the Seventh Schedule to the constitution of India. Therefore, the State Governments and Union Territory administrations are primarily responsible for prevention, detection, registration and investigation of crime, including gambling and for prosecuting the criminals through the law enforcement machinery within their jurisdiction. Specific data on betting in sports is not maintained centrally.

The recognized National Sports Federations which are responsible for the development of specific sports disciplines are also expected to take corrective, preventive and punitive action against betting / match fixing in their disciplines.

Since, betting / match fixing may have international dimensions, the Govt. of India has been working with other countries in international fora to fight the menace of betting / match fixing.