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Title : Need to fill up the posts of hockey coaches in Sports academies in Andhra Pradesh and also promote hockey in the country.

SHRI SURESH KUMAR SHETKAR (ZAHEERABAD): The situation of hockey and its players is deplorable in our country particularly in the rural areas of Andhra Pradesh. Andhra Pradesh has sent many players like three time Olympian Mukesh Kumar, Bhim Singh from Hyderabad, Thagur Babu from Guntur, Mohd. Nadeem from Tirupati and Murali from West Godavari. These players have succeeded at the national level and brought name and fame to Andhra Pradesh and our country.

At present, the Government is not filling up the posts of hockey coaches and not promoting the hockey with adequate financial allocations. Less than 10 coaching teachers are available in all the districts of Andhra Pradesh. School students at the primary and secondary levels are also not showing keen interest to take the coaching due to inadequate coaching staff in various coaching academies in Andhra Pradesh. This situation is really pitiable for our country. Many talented and qualified people are eligible to give coaching in Andhra Pradesh who have passed the national tests. But the Sports Authority of Andhra Pradesh is not filling up the posts in Andhra Pradesh and kept the posts vacant due to the reasons unknown.

I, therefore, request the Hon'ble Minister of Sports and Youth Affairs, through Hon'ble Speaker, to kindly intervene in the matter to ensure and giving justice to the hockey players in the country by making them available coaches, financial allocations and proper awareness to save our national sport hockey seriously for future generation immediately.