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Title: Need to provide equal opportunities to cricketers in Telangana to build careers through sports.

SHRI BHEEMRAO B. PATIL (ZAHEERABAD): Mr. Chairman, Sir, Telangana cricketers from the Districts have been orphans ever since evolution of Cricket in India. Opportunities in Telangana region to learn, play, administer Cricket and pursue careers were given to only the city based elite with influence. Telangana Cricketers need justice in terms of equal opportunities to represent higher standards and to build careers through sports.

Comparative studies reveal that sportspersons from rural backgrounds have more focus on their goal than city boys who are distracted by many extra-curricular activities. But the boys and girls from rural Districts of the State were never considered to be groomed in the city based and city confined Hyderabad Cricket Association history.

There are a number of irregularities, frauds, breaches of trust in Telangana State. The Telangana Cricket Association is a State level cricket association operating and developing cricket in the entire State and it speaks the language of transparency, responsibility and answerability that the BCCI is speaking of late. The Government should encourage it with timely help and support to build careers through sports at an early age. That will create a successful life path to youngsters so that they can become responsible citizens of India rather than being ignored and become disturbed elements in the society.

Therefore, we urge the Minister of Home Affairs and the Minister of Sports and Youth Affairs to look into the subject and do the needful for Telangana cricket.