

**Government of India  
Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports  
Department of Sports**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 851  
TO BE ANSWERD ON 06.02.2020**

**Ice Hockey**

**851. SHRI JAMYANG TSERING NAMGYAL:**

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

**(a) whether the Government has any plans to make Ice Hockey as a recognizable sport in the country, if so, the details thereof and if not, the time by which the Government plans to do so;**

**(b) whether the Government is aware that the Women's Ice Hockey team is representing India on International grounds and has won the 2017 Challenge Cup of Asia even after a scarcity of equipments;**

**(c) whether the Government has any plans to give quota benefit to the women of Ice Hockey team and if so, the details thereof;**

**(d) if not, whether the Government plans to do so;**

**(e) whether the Government proposes to open an Ice Hockey Institute in Ladakh and if so, the details thereof; and**

**(f) if not, the time by which the Government plans to do so?**

**ANSWER  
THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)  
FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS  
[SHRI KIREN RIJIJU]**

**(a) The Government does not classify different sports disciplines into recognised sports or otherwise. For the promotion of Ice Hockey, this Ministry has recognized Ice Hockey Association as a National Sports Promotional Organization.**

**(b) In the International Ice Hockey Federation Challenge Cup of Asia held in Thailand in March 2017 Indian Women's Ice Hockey team stood at 4<sup>th</sup> place.**

**(c) & (d) Reservation under sports quota is governed by the instructions issued by the Department of Personnel & Training on 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2013 vide their OM No.14034/01/2013-Estt.(D) on incentives for sportspersons. Ice-Hockey sport is included in the list of sports which qualify for appointment of meritorious sportspersons in Central Government offices.**

**(e) & (f) Presently there is no proposal for opening of an Ice Hockey Institute in Ladakh under consideration in this Ministry.**

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