

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-160
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HOCKEY INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE COUNTRY

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

- (a) whether Government is taking initiatives for extending the development of facilities for Hockey across the country, as it is the national sport of the country;
- (b) if, so the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government is considering to introduce policy initiatives including but not restricted to improving the hockey infrastructure at the grassroot levels by building Astro Turf fields, supplementing district players with kits, etc; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS

(SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR)

(a) to (d) Yes, Sir. One of the objectives of Khelo India National Programme for Development of Sports is to support creation and upgradation of sports infrastructure by filling critical gaps with regard to existing sports facilities, including for Hockey, in States/Union Territories. Under the Khelo India Scheme, the Union Government has sanctioned twenty-six Astro Turf Hockey Fields amounting to ₹ 132.11 crore across the country.
