

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS  
DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-2710**  
ANSWERED ON- 23/03/2023

**PROMOTION OF SPORTS IN EASTERN AND NORTH EASTERN STATES**

2710 SHRI. ABIR RANJAN BISWAS:

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

- (a) the funds allocated and utilized to promote sports in several North Eastern and Eastern States during the last five years;
- (b) whether Government is aware that Hockey is a widely played sport in the rural areas of West Bengal, Odisha and Jharkhand, if so, the details of funds allocated to support the same during the last five years, year-wise, if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the reasons for low allocation of funds?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS  
(SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR)

(a): Funds are allocated in the Ministry scheme-wise, not state-wise. However, under the “Creation and Upgradation of Sports Infrastructure” component of the Khelo India Scheme, 84 sports infrastructure projects amounting to Rs. 587.47 crore have been sanctioned in the North Eastern and Eastern States by this Ministry. Out of Rs. 587.47 crore, Rs. 370.73 crore have been released.

(b) & (c): The Government is aware that Hockey is a widely played sport in the rural areas of West Bengal, Odisha and Jharkhand. Under the “Creation and Upgradation of Sports Infrastructure” component of Khelo India Scheme, 02 field hockey infrastructure projects have been sanctioned in Jharkhand amounting to Rs. 10.38 crore. The details of funds allocated to support the overall development of Hockey during the last five years, year wise, are given below:

(In Rs. Cr.)

Sports Discipline	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Hockey	9.15	23.00	26.00	13.00	25.21

Sports being a State subject, the responsibility to promote and develop sports in the country rests primarily with the respective State/Union Territory Governments. The Union Government supplements their efforts in this regard through its various schemes which are implemented across the country.

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