

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS  
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION No-951**  
ANSWERED ON 09/02/2023

**FINANCING THE HOCKEY INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE COUNTRY**

951.DR. AMAR PATNAIK:

Will the Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of funds being directed for the senior men's and women's hockey teams respectively in the last five years from 2017 to 2022, year-wise;

(b) the total budget of the governing body of hockey in the country, Hockey India, from 2017 to 2022, year-wise;

(c) whether the Ministry is considering any policy reforms, including but not restricted to having a dedicated mission, to promote our national sport hockey through local coaching camps, competitions, setting up AstroTurf mats, and other expenses; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

(SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR)

(a): Funding for training, preparation and participation of hockey players in national and international events is provided in terms of the Annual Calendar of Training & Competitions (ACTC) under the Scheme of Assistance to NSFs. Details of grants given to Hockey teams including Senior Men's Hockey Team and Senior Women's Hockey Team during last five years from 2017-18 to 2021-22 are as under:

**Rupees in crore**

<b>Year</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>2021-22</b>
<b>Amount</b>	18.98	23.00	26.00	13.00	25.21

(b): The Ministry does not maintain data about the budget of the Governing Body of Hockey India. The Ministry does not give any grant for the Governing Body of Hockey India.

(c) &(d): Though the primary responsibility of promotion and development of specific sports disciplines is that of the concerned NSF, in the case of Hockey, it is Hockey India, the Ministry supplements the efforts of the NSFs through its various schemes. Training, preparations and competitive exposure of hockey players are taken care of under the Scheme of Assistance to NSFs. Indian Hockey players are provided all requisite facilities for their preparations, including a wholesome nutritious diet, equipment, state-of-the-art infrastructure, lodging, travelling facilities, services of reputed Indian and Foreign Coaches/supporting staff, scientific & medical support, sports kit, etc., besides financial assistance for their training abroad and participation in international competitions in India and abroad. Hockey has been placed in the “High Priority” category for financial assistance by the Government, and all the requisite assistance is provided for training and competitive exposure, as per the norms laid down for this purpose.

Further, under the Khelo India National Programme for Development of Sports, the Central Government supports for 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 Rs. 132.11 crore across the country.

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