

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)

RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 258*
ANSWERED ON 19.12.2024

HOCKEY INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE COUNTRY

*258. SMT. RAJANI ASHOKRAO PATIL:

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

- (a) the total number of AstroTurf stadiums for conducting international hockey events in the country, State-wise;
- (b) the allocation of funds for the senior men's and women's hockey teams in the last three years, year-wise;
- (c) whether Government is considering any policy reforms to promote hockey, including initiatives such as local coaching camps, competitions, laying of AstroTurf, mats, etc; and
- (d) if so, the details of such initiatives, and if not, the reasons for the absence of such measures?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
(DR. MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 258 ANSWERED ON 19.12.2024 REGARDING HOCKEY INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE COUNTRY ASKED BY SMT. RAJANI ASHOKRAO PATIL, HON'BLE MP, RAJYA SABHA.

(a) 'Sports' being a State subject, the responsibility of development of sports infrastructure rests primarily with the State/Union Territory Governments. The Union Government supplements their efforts by bridging critical gaps. The AstroTurf stadiums present in various parts of the country are under the jurisdiction of the respective bodies/Department of State/UT Governments. The information about them is maintained by the respective State/UT.

The details of the sports infrastructure, including the Hockey AstroTurfs, for conducting international hockey events in the country, sanctioned under Khelo India Scheme across the country, are available in public domain on the dashboard of the Ministry at <https://mdsd.kheloindia.gov.in>.

(b) to (d) Funds in this Ministry are allocated scheme-wise and not sports discipline-wise. Further, the primary responsibility of promotion and development of specific sports disciplines including Hockey, lies with the concerned National Sports Federation (NSF). This Ministry supplements the efforts of the NSF. Accordingly, 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. 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, lodging, travelling facilities, services of reputed Indian and Foreign Coaches/supporting staff, scientific & medical support, sports kit, etc.

The allocation of funds under the Scheme for Assistance to National Sports Federations for the senior men's and women's hockey teams during the last three years is as under:

| S. No. | Year | Funds for senior men & women (₹ in crore) |
|--------|---------|---|
| 1 | 2021-22 | 12.47 |
| 2 | 2022-23 | 20.65 |
| 3 | 2023-24 | 26.90 |

Further, the Government is implementing the following Sports Promotional Schemes, including for Hockey sports discipline, through Sports Authority of India (SAI) across the country to identify talented sportspersons in the various age groups and to nurture them to excel at national and international levels:-

- National Centres of Excellence (NCOE)
- SAI Training Centre (STC)
- Extension Centre of STC
