

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2683
TO BE ANSWERD ON 02.08.2018**

Participation in Asian Games-2018

**2683. SHRI PRASUN BANERJEE:
SHRI RAM MOHAN NAIDU KINJARAPU:**

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

- (a) whether the Indian Football and Hockey teams are scheduled to participate in the forthcoming Asian Games-2018;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor along with the reaction of the Government thereto?**

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
[COL. RAJYAVARDHAN RATHORE (RETD.)]**

(a) to (c) Indian Olympic Association (IOA) has informed that the Indian hockey teams (both men & women) has been cleared by them but the Indian football team has not been cleared by them to participate in Asian Games-2018 to be held in Indonesia.

IOA has also informed that the Indian football team has not been cleared by them as it does not meet the extant performance criteria for participation in multi-disciplinary sports events such as Asian Games.

Selection of teams/athletes for participation in multidisciplinary events like the Asian Games is responsibility of the National Sports Federation concerned. Once the names of the selected athletes / Teams is forwarded to IOA, it is the responsibility of IOA to send it to the respective Organizing Committee of such Games, which in the instant case is the Indonesia Asian Games 2018 Organizing Committee (INASGOC). The Government does not have any direct involvement in these processes.
