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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2227 TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.12.2024

Astro Turf Stadiums

2227. SHRI BENNY BEHANAN: SHRI K SUDHAKARAN: SHRI MURARI LAL MEENA:

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/UT-wise;
- (b) the allocation of funds for the senior men's and women's hockey teams during the last five years, year-wise;
- (c) whether the Government is considering any policy reforms to promote hockey, including initiatives such as local coaching camps, competitions, the installation of AstroTurf mats in the country, including Rajasthan;
- (d) if so, the details of such initiatives and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) whether the Government proposes to promote other facilities including Astro Turf stadium for Hockey in Dausa and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS { DR. MANSUKH MANDAVIYA }

(a) to (d) '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, including in Rajasthan are available in public domain on the dashboard of the Ministry at https://mdsd.kheloindia.gov.in.

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 five years is as under:

SN	Year	Funds for Senior men
		& women (₹ in crore)
1	2020-21	₹ 10.39
2	2021-22	₹ 12.47
3	2022-23	₹ 20.65
4	2023-24	₹ 26.90
5	2024-25	₹ 20.81

Further, the Government is implementing the following Sports Promotional Schemes 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 in Hockey:-

- National Centres of Excellence (NCOE)
- SAI Training Centre (STC)
- Extension Centre of STC
- (e) No, Sir. No such proposal is under consideration in this Ministry.
