

#### **Indian Hockey Team**

422. SHRI D. RAJA:

SHRI R.C. SINGH:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the players of Indian Hockey team went on a strike demanding payment of their pending remuneration and prize money;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and how the problem was solved;
- (c) whether it is a fact that Government has failed to build up a sustainable national team for our National game Hockey which has failed to qualify for the Beijing Olympics; and
- (d) if so, Government's reaction therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI PRATIK PRAKASHBAPU PATIL): (a) and (b) The protest by Indian Hockey team was on account of non-fulfillment of contractual agreements by their federation. These payments are based on commercial sponsorship arrangements made by the federation and the Government has no role in such matters.

(c) and (d) The Government is giving liberal financial assistance for preparation of Indian Hockey teams for participating in Commonwealth and Asian Games and other international events by providing for training and participation in national and international competitions apart from engagement of Indian and foreign coaches and provision for equipments. An amount of Rs. 10.74 crores has been earmarked for the year 2009-10.

#### **Map display on CWG website**

423. SHRI R.C. SINGH: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the official Commonwealth Games Federation's website shown some parts of India like Gujarat, Chilas, Gilgit, Scurd, etc., as part of Pakistan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) whether the Ministry has taken up the issue with the Commonwealth Games Federation to see that correct map of India is displayed on the website?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI PRATIK PRAKASHBAPU PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) has apologized for the incorrect depiction of some areas of India in Pakistan on its website. CGF has informed that it was an error that has since been rectified.