

(b) whether there is any plan proposed to construct a stadium of international level in the State of Rajasthan, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) Panchayat Yuva Krida Aur Khel Abhiyan (PYKKA) scheme is being implemented since 2008-09, in all the States including Rajasthan, for development of playfields in village and block panchayats. Rs.8.43 crore has, so far, been released to Rajasthan State to develop playfields in 893 village/block panchayats. In addition, during this financial year (i.e. 2011-12), Rs.3.42 crore has been released under the PYKKA Scheme to the State for conducting rural competitions at block, district and state level. In 2011-12, Rs.4.50 crore has been released under Urban Sports Infrastructure scheme (USIS), to the State to construct multi-purpose hall in Jodhpur.

(b) No, Sir.

Reward for Hockey team

1857. SHRIMATI NAZNIN FARUQUE: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Hockey is our National game and our hockey team has won Asian Champions Trophy against Pakistan this year;

(b) whether it is a fact that they did not get reward for what they achieved for India;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the reasons behind it and the steps taken by Government for betterment of our National game?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) Yes Sir, Hockey is known as National Game and the Indian Hockey Men's team won the Gold Medal defeating Pakistan in the Asian Championship held in September, 2011 in China.

(b) and (c) As per the provisions of the Scheme of the Government, each player was awarded a sum of Rs. 1,50,000/-.

(d) Hockey is one of the disciplines identified for the 2012 London Olympic Games. As such Hockey is a high priority sport of the Government. International standard training facilities and build

up competitions are being provided for the preparation of the Indian Hockey team. Further Government not only provides all the necessary facilities including training, foreign exposures for training and competition, foreign and Indian coaches and other support personnel, etc. but also assesses the performance of the Indian Hockey players at periodic intervals. As a part of preparation for Olympics, the Government has spent Rs 16.10 crore on hockey from April to 30th November, 2011 in various aspects of the game of hockey including foreign exposure, foreign coaches, boarding and lodging etc.

Abusing of Indian Cricket team by a Commentator

1858. SHRIMATI NAZNIN FARUQUE : Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that England's Commentator Nasser Hussain abuse Indian Cricket team on ODI match in last two months;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government against him?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) to (c) The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has informed that Mr. Nasser Hussain did not use any abusive language in his commentary but only made some comments relating to the poor fielding of the Indian Team. Mr. Nasser Hussain later clarified his remark.

Panchayat Yuva Krida Aur Khel Abhiyan Scheme

1859. SHRI NARESH GUJRAL : Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to State:

- (a) the number of villages, State- wise covered under the Panchayat Yuva Krida Aur Khel Abhiyan (PYKKA) scheme;
- (b) the number of sportspersons benefited after implementation of PYKKA scheme, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether there have been complaints about delay in release of funds; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government, case-wise?