

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)
RAJYA SABHA
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ANSWERED ON 19/12/2024

PROMOTION OF HOCKEY AMONGST YOUNGSTERS

2871 SHRI SATNAM SINGH SANDHU:

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

- (a) the details of steps taken to promote hockey amongst youngsters in the country;
- (b) the steps taken to boost and promote hockey in the State of Punjab;
- (c) the details of assistance provided to hockey players in the State of Punjab during the last five years; and
- (d) the details of the steps taken by Government to construct and renovate new hockey turfs in the State of Punjab in the last five years?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

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(a) to (d): Sports being as a State Subject, the responsibility to promote sports, including hockey among youngsters, primarily rests with the respective State/UT Government. Central Government supplements their efforts through its schemes viz. sports promotional schemes run by Sports Authority of India (SAI) and Khelo India Scheme.

Under the Khelo India Scheme, 02 hockey fields, 02 Khelo India Centres and 04 Khelo India Accredited Academies, in the Hockey discipline are sanctioned in the State of Punjab. Further, 01 SAI Training Centre (STC), Badal, in hockey discipline, is operational in the State of Punjab.

Additionally, the Khelo India Scheme provides comprehensive support to athletes, including scholarships, specialised training and coaching facilities, and access to world-class training facilities, which entail funding of ₹6.28 lakhs per annum per Khelo India Athlete (including ₹10,000 per month out-of-pocket allowance for each KIA). The budgetary details, including that for Punjab, are available in public domain on the dashboard of the Ministry at <https://dashboard.kheloindia.gov.in/>

Further, the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports recognizes National Sports Federations (NSFs) for promotion and development of concerned sports disciplines. For promotion and development of sport of Hockey at national level the Hockey India has been recognized as NSF. The Central Government is supplementing the efforts of Hockey India by providing financial assistance for preparation and participation of Indian Hockey Teams in international sporting events, including expert training and coaching facilities for Hockey players.
