

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:7074
ANSWERED ON:12.05.2005
PETROLEUM SPORTS CONTROL BOARD
Meghwal Shri Kailash

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) the programmes introduced in Rajasthan by Petroleum Sports Control Board during each of the last three years alongwith the amount spent thereon;
- (b) whether Petroleum Sports Control Board has failed to work satisfactorily and its economic resources are negligible; and
- (c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) At Ajmer in Rajasthan since 1995, Petroleum Sports Control Board (PSPB) has been running a residential Table Tennis Academy in collaboration with the Sports Authority of India and the Table Tennis Federation of India. The following amounts have been spent on the PSPB Table Tennis Academy during the last three years:-

Year Amount Spent (Approximate)

2002-03	Rs. 29.00 lakhs
2003-04	Rs. 22.00 lakhs
2004-04	Rs. 27.00 lakhs

(b) No, Sir. PSPB players have performed exceptionally well in various disciplines. Notable among them are one Padam Shree and 22 Arjun Awardees. More than 60 players in various disciplines like Athletics, Badminton, Billiards, Chess, Cricket, Golf, Hockey, Kabbadi, Table Tennis, Tennis and Volleyball have represented India in International Championships during the last 3 years. Also, 11 players of PSPB represented the country in the Athens Olympics. PSPB's expenditure on the participation of players and hosting of events is met from a contribution of Rs. 1.38 crore, received each year from Member Organizations.

(c) Government are satisfied with PSPB's performance.