Parliament Congratulates Team India in Hockey

NEW DELHI, July 30
Parliament today greeted with acclaimation India's regaining the Olympic title at Moscow after a lapse of 16 years.

In a brief statement after the question hour, Mrs. Gandhi conveyed to the members of the victorious Indian hockey team "hearty congratulations and greetings".

Several members, including Mr. A. R. Vajpayee (BJP) went on their legs, seeking to raise issues of interest to them. Mrs. Gandhi sought the permission of the Speaker, Mr. Baj want to make the statement of which the House did not appear to have any inkling.

Mrs. Gandhi asked the Lok Sabha to make a special mention in the Los sabha, of Mr. Eduro Faleiro, who assisted Mr. Balkishen Dhillon. Mr. Faleiro launched the Indian hockey and wanted it to congratulate the team.

When the House assembled for the day's proceedings, Mr. Dinesh Goswami (Cong) urged the Chairman, Mr. M. Hidayatullah, that the Rajya Sabha forthwith placed on record its appreciation of the team's performance.

The Chairman accordingly directed that the appreciation of the House be recorded and conveyed to the team.

The Union Home Minister, Mr. Zail Singh congratulated the Indian team and said it had "once again demonstrated its superiority in this field of sport", he said "The team's victory and the teamwork exhibited should go a long way in keeping India in the forefront in world hockey in the future.

BIHAR CM'S AWARD

PATA: The Bihar Chief Minister, Dr. Jagannath Mishra has announced a reward of Rs. 2,000 each to the 17 members of the Indian team for their "creditable victory".

Dr. Mishra also sent a telegram to the Indian team congratulating it on its victory.

CHANDIGARH: The Punjat Olympic Association (POA) will honour the Indian team for winning the gold medal according to the POA President, Mr. Sukhdev Singh Dhindsa. Dhindsa also sent a message of congratulations to the victorious team.

TIVANDURU: The Kerala Chief Minister, Mr. E. K. Nayar congratulated the Indian team on winning the gold medal.

The Chief Minister, Mr. V. R. Nedunchezhian said that "after 16 long years, India has regained the "old glory" after a gap of 16 years.

Mr. S. Chilam (Cong) wanted the House to convey its felicitation to Captain V. Bhaskar and members of the team on their feat.

The Chief Minister, Mr. G. Ramachandran, in a message to the captain of the team, said: "Heartfelt congratulations on the grand victory of the Indian team."

The Prime Minister, Mr. A. B. Vajpayee (BJP) went on "hear, hear", the Prime Minister, after a lapse of 16 years.

Mrs. Gandhi said it was a magnificent performance.

The Minister, Mr. M. A. M. Ramaswamy, has congratulated the Indian team on its gold-winning performance at Moscow. In a telegram from London, Mr. Ramaswamy has expressed his happiness at India's show in Moscow. He said "It's a great day for Indian hockey. I am proud of our boys, manager and the coach. I wish them more laurels."

When asked to make a reference to the Indian team's victory, Mr. Dinesh Goswami (Cong) wanted the House to offer congratulations to all the members of the Indian team and wish them more successes in the future in international tournaments.

Tamil Nadu passed a resolution congratulating the Indian team on having won the gold medal.

The resolution was moved by Mr. M. Chinnaswamy, and was adopted by the legislative Assembly on the day's proceedings. Mr. Dinesh Goswami (Cong) wanted the House to convey its congratulation to the team.

Taxpayers from Moscow: Most members of the gold medal winning Indian team were close to tears of joy at the victory ceremony yesterday.

It was a moment charged with emotion as they watched their national anthem. Never before have I been so glad with the Olympic awards."