

## **PCA lauds Punjab Government gesture of honoring Harmanpreet Kaur**

Punjab cricket Association is extremely happy and grateful to the sports minded honorable Chief Minister of Punjab Captain Amrinder Singh for recognizing the astounding success of Indian women cricketer belonging to the State of Punjab by offering her the post of Deputy Superintendent of Police in the state and a cash award of Rs 5 Lakh for her tremendous performance in the recently concluded ICC women cricket world cup in London. It is a very encouraging gesture of the state government which will give opportunity to future talented sportspersons to remain within the state and serve the state teams in national and international events. Harmanpreet Kaur who belongs to Moga was groomed by the state and districts coaches which helped her to hone her basic skills and later on represent the state in the tournaments of the BCCI. She played for the state for five years.

It is unfortunate that the dearth of job opportunities made her leave the state and join the Railways where she played for the last three years. Punjab lost a talented player but now with her impending job with Punjab Police she will be back with the Punjab Cricket Association. Her presence in the team will give a great boost to the young women cricketers of the state. A talented player like her will be looked up as a role model.

PCA sincerely urges the State Government to strictly implement two percent sports quota in the state services for sportspersons so that the talented players of the state in various sports disciplines don't have to look outside the state for earning a livelihood. Such exodus pulls back the state in the National sports graph.