

## 'Chak De India' songs not catchy enough

Film: 'Chak de India'; Music Director: Salim-Suleiman; Singers: K.K., Sukhwinder Singh, Anushka Manchandani, Hema Sardesai, Marianne D'cruz, Salim Merchant, Shah Rukh Khan and Krishna Medieval Punditz; Rating: \*\*

'Chak De India', a much-awaited Yash Raj Film starring Shah Rukh Khan, is set to hit the screens but the music isn't really making waves. Composer duo Salim-Suleiman have not done anything extraordinary or exciting.

A pretty good track to start the album with is 'Bad bad girls' and singer Anushka Manchandani has done a neat job. Revolving around hockey, 'Bad bad girls', penned by Jaideep Sahni, can't be called a fantastic track, but it's a good attempt at keeping the zest of the hockey team intact.

Hema Sardesai lends her voice to 'Badal pe paon hai'. It can't be termed feminist, but the track is inspirational and is high on rhythm.

Sukhwinder sings the title song 'Chak de India'. He delivers well but the song would sound much better while watching the movie. The lyrics are fine but the song lacks punch.

'Ek hockey doongi rakh ke', a number that introduces the team members, could have been composed better. Shah Rukh takes over the job of introducing each player, while they too voice a few lines. And in the end, K.K. comes and croons the 'Chak de' line.

A depressingly slow track comes in the form of 'Maula mere le le meri jaan'. Probably a number that comes at a very crucial point in the film, it sees the pairing of Salim Merchant and Krishna for the vocals. With minor qawalli elements in it, the song puts one off completely as there's absolutely nothing that attracts you.

The last track, 'Sattar minute', is hardly a number in the sense of a musical piece. It sees King Khan motivating his team members and almost rendering encouraging mini speeches. But it still seems better in comparison to the entire lot.

Salim-Suleiman have failed to put the theme across in a catchier and appealing way. Putting better quality of music would surely have done wonders to the album.

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