

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA**

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AGREEMENT WITH PAKISTAN ON SOUTH ASIAN FEDERATION GAMES

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

(a) whether the President of Indian Olympic Association visited Pakistan in March, 2002 to work out the fresh dates for the South Asian Federation (SAF) Games;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any agreement has been reached in this regard during his visit;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI PON. RADHAKIRISHNAN)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. Three member Indian Olympic Association (IOA) delegation headed by Shri Suresh Kalmadi, M.P., President, IOA visited Islamabad to attend the 27th South Asia Sports Federation Executive Committee meeting on 30.3.3002. The other members of the delegation were Shri B.S. Ojha, President, Gymnastic Federation of India and Shri J.S. Gehlot, Vice President, IOA an President Amateur Kabbadi Federation of India.

(c) & (d) The Indian Olympic Association has informed that the Executive Committee of SASF agreed to hold the postponed SAF Games from 29th March to 7th April, 2003 in Islamabad, Pakistan.

(e) A formal proposal to this effect is yet to be received from IOA and on receipt of the same, the Government will indicate its reaction.