

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

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REVIEW OF ARRANGEMENTS RELATING TO COMMONWEALTH GAMES
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has reviewed the arrangements in connection with Commonwealth Games, 2010;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is aware of the various problems causing distractions near the venue of the games;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps contemplated by the Government to address these problems?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN)

(a) & (b): Government of India has constituted a Core Group of Ministers (GOM) for coordinating the work relating to the organization of the Commonwealth Games, 2010. An Apex Committee for overseeing and coordinating the Games has been set up. An Organizing Committee under the Chairmanship of President, IOA for conduct of the Games has been constituted.

The arrangements for holding the Commonwealth Games 2010 at Delhi are underway. A review of existing infrastructure in the city of Delhi in context of Commonwealth Games 2010 has been undertaken. The existing infrastructure with Sports Authority of India (SAI), Delhi Development Authority (DDA) and New Delhi Municipal Corporation (NDMC) with required upgradation and renovation would be used for most of the disciplines covered under the Commonwealth Games.

A Task Force for upgradation/renovation of SAI's infrastructure has been set up and the consultancy on SAI's existing infrastructure has been assigned to CPWD. Condition Survey of SAI's existing five Stadia at Delhi has been completed.

Regarding construction of a Commonwealth Games Village, a site off the Nizamuddin Bridge has been identified. Delhi Development Authority has also commenced the action to prepare preliminary designs in respect of venues & Games Village proposed to be constructed by it.

A Core Committee has been set up by Government of NCT of Delhi under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary, Delhi to prepare a master plan for improvement/upgradation of civic amenities in Delhi for Commonwealth Games, 2010. The Government of NCT of Delhi is in the process of finalizing plans for up gradation of roads, health care, civic amenities, traffic management and parking for the Commonwealth Games.

(c) & (d): DDA has engaged M/s Event Knowledge Service for Venue Reappraisal Study who have submitted a draft report. The draft report has flagged issues like traffic bottlenecks, proximity to Akshardham Temple & a railway track, distance from airport, etc.

(e) The matter is being discussed with various stakeholders to meet these concerns.