

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

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TRAINING /PREPARATIONS FOR COMMONWEALTH GAMES
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether preparations are in full swing by the Indian contingent for the Commonwealth Games to be held in Australia in March, 2006;
- (b) if so, the time by which the teams for various events will be finalized;
- (c) the likely player-official ratio to be maintained in the contingent; and
- (d) the details of training/preparations that are underway for the said Games?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) STATISTICS & PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION, YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS AND OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES)

- (a) & (b): The Indian Olympic Association (IOA) has informed that the teams will be finalized in the first fortnight of February, 2006.
- (c) Norms of players & officials ratio for such international events are, normally, fixed by the Organizing Committee of the Games and decision on the proposals of IOA are taken in the light of such guidelines. No such proposal has been received yet.
- (d) For preparing the Indian Contingent for Commonwealth Games, the National Coaching camps are being held on continuous basis till March, 2006 with technical breaks in between in the prospective disciplines. Foreign Coaches/experts have also been engaged for imparting specialized training inputs. The probables are being provided competitive exposures through participation in international and national competitions as per agreed Action Plans/Long Term Development Plans.