

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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COMMONWEALTH GAMES, 2010

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

(a) whether preparation for identifying the games and the players for participation in the Commonwealth Games, 2010 has commenced;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether special strategy has been prepared for each game along with creation of infrastructure and budget earmarked thereto; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SUNIL DUTT)

(a) to (d): As per Bid Document the Commonwealth Games are to be held in following disciplines:-

Aquatics, Athletics, Badminton, Boxing, Cycling, Gymnastics, Hockey, Lawn Bowls, Net Ball, Shooting, Squash, Rugby 7's Table-Tennis, Weightlifting and Wrestling.

The drawing of special strategy for training of sportspersons for major international events including Commonwealth Games is an on-going process under Long Term Development Plans (LTDP) which are finalized in consultation with National Sports Federations (NSFs). However it is the responsibility of National Sports Federations (NSFs) to provide the required inputs for the preparation of Long Term Development Plans (LTDPs) on the basis of their assessment of previous performances and achievable targets. For this purpose, the disciplines in which India is likely to achieve good results have been identified and more concentrated inputs are given to these disciplines. Systematic approach is adopted to select and train athletes and teams for participation in the Commonwealth Games by drawing Long Term Development Plans (LTDP) to put in action four year roll-on Plan under which elite sportspersons selected on the basis of their performance are put through scientifically designed continuous training programme.

The players for participation in Commonwealth Games, 2010 will be identified after reviewing the performance of concerned team/players in Asian Games, 2006, Commonwealth Games, 2006 and Olympic Games, 2008 and other important international events just before the Commonwealth Games, 2010.

As regards creation of infrastructure, at the time of Government approval for Commonwealth Games Bid in the year 2003, Indian Olympic Association (IOA) had projected an expenditure of Rs.399.05 crores. Besides, Government of NCT of Delhi has projected cost of construction of Games Village at Rs.186.00 crores and construction of indoor & outdoor stadium in the Yamuna Sports Complex and upgradation of existing infrastructure of the Delhi Development Authority at Rs.32.50 crores. However, these estimates are further likely to be revised upwards. Again, the existing Sports Infrastructure of Sports Authority of India, Delhi Development Authority, NDMC being used as the main venues would require major renovation and upgradation. IOA while submitting the proposal to Government had, on the basis of a consultant's assessment, projected revenue generation of 100 Million US Dollars. The Government of India has undertaken to meet the shortfall between the revenue and expenditure.