

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

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HOSTING INTERNATIONAL SPORTS EVENTS

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to take necessary initiatives to host the Olympics Games in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government also proposes to host the next South Asian Games in the country;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the amount allocated and spent for the purpose so far?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI PRATIK PRAKASHBAPU PATIL)

(a) to (c) : The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports has not received any proposal from Indian Olympic Association (IOA) for hosting Olympic Games in the country.

(d) to (f) : South Asian Games (SAG) are organized by the South Asian Countries in alphabetical order. 11th SAG were organized by Bangladesh. 12th SAG were to be organized by Bhutan. Since Bhutan has expressed its inability, India will host next edition of SAG, scheduled to be held in 2012. Allocation of funds will be decided upon after IOA submits a detailed budget.