

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:107

ANSWERED ON:16.11.2010

COST ESCALATION IN COMMONWEALTH GAMES PROJECTS

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

- (a) whether the Government had made any assessment of the overall expenditure likely to be incurred in hosting the Commonwealth Games;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the expenditure anticipated at the time of bidding, the funds sanctioned and the resultant expenditure on conducting the said games, project-wise;
- (c) whether there are reports of diversion of funds to meet the cost escalation involved in organising the said games including funds meant for the welfare of weaker sections of the society;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (e) the manner in which funds were pooled in for meeting the cost escalation in the said games?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (DR. M.S. GILL)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE STARRED QUESTION NO.107 FOR 16.11.2010 ASKED BY SHRI K. SHIVAKUMAR ALIAS J.K.RITHEESH AND SHRI TATHAGATA SATPATHY REGARDING COST ESCALATION IN COMMONWEALTH GAMES PROJECTS

- (a) The Indian Olympic Association (IOA) had made the initial assessment of the cost of the Commonwealth Games (CWG),2010. The cost estimates prepared thereafter by the Government included cost estimates on certain items prepared by the IOA and the Organising Committee (OC), CWG.
- (b) The cost of the Games was estimated at Rs.618 Crore in September, 2003 which included cost on upgradation of some sports infrastructure; conduct of the Games; catering to participants etc. At the time of bidding in November, 2003, the IOA had projected an expenditure of USD 384 million (Rs.1920 Crore). The current approved estimates of the CWG are Rs.11,687 crore as per break-up enclosed at Annexure.
- (c) & (d) Government of India has not utilized/diverted any funds meant for the welfare of weaker sections of the society to meet the cost escalation of the CWG projects.
- (e) The escalation in the cost of the Games has been borne by the concerned Ministries of the Government of India.