

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

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PREPAREDNESS OF WORLD CUP CRICKET

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

- (a) whether the Government is providing any assistance to the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) for conducting the World Cup cricket tournament;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the number of sportspersons and countries participating therein and the locations where the said games is being conducted;
- (c) whether there are reports that some stadia are still not ready for the purpose; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN)

- (a): Government has given custom duty exemption for temporary imports of sports equipments and import of sports consumables required for the ICC Cricket World Cup (CWC), 2011. Venue - related assistance such as security and other logistic support is being extended by the State Governments concerned.
- (b): BCCI has informed that fourteen countries are participating in ICC CWC – 2011. There are 29 matches in India at 8 venues viz. Mumbai, Delhi, Mohali, Kolkata, Bengaluru, Nagpur, Ahemadabad and Chennai. 12 games are in Sri Lanka and 8 games in Bangladesh. All 8 venues are ready to stage the matches.
- (c) & (d) Eden Gardens in Kolkata was not fully completed. Accordingly, ICC shifted the India – England match on 27.02.2011 to Bengaluru.