GOVERNMENT OF INDIA YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2066 ANSWERED ON:08.03.2011 NATIONAL GAMES IN KERALA Thomas Shri P. T.

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

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any policy to organise the National Games in different States of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the names of States where National Games have been organized so far;
- (c) the amount of funds allocated/granted by the Union Government for organising the 35th National Games to be held in Kerala; and
- (d) the extent to which the Union Government is likely to assist the State by providing additional financial assistance for conducting such games?

Answer

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

- (a) No, Madam, the allotment of National Games to States is done by the Indian Olympic Association and the organization of National Games is the responsibility of the respective State Governments.
- (b) Since 1947, National Games have been organized in the States of Uttar Pradesh, Tamilnadu, Madhya Pradesh, Delhi, Punjab. Orissa, Madhya Pradesh, West Bengal, Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Karnataka, Manipur, Assam and Jharkhand;
- (c) & (d): The Central Government has sanctioned an Additional Central Assistance (ACA) of Rs.110 crore (50% of the project cost of Rs.220 crore) to the State Government of Kerala for the National Games.