

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

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

- (a) whether the 34th National Games were held in Jharkhand recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of incentives provided by the Government/State Governments so far to the winners of the sports events;
- (d) whether the Government has identified the States for holding important sports events including National Games in the country; and
- (e) if so, the locations identified for the purpose and the time by which the said games are likely to be held/conducted?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The 34th National Games were held in the State of Jharkhand from 12th to 26th February, 2011.

(c): The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports does not give cash awards to winners of medals in National Games. Under the Scheme of Special Awards to winners of medals in international sports events and their coaches, the Ministry provides cash awards to winners of medals in international sports events such as Olympic Games, Asian Games, Commonwealth Games, World Championships, Asian Championships and Commonwealth Championships, Paralympic Games, Para Asian Games.

The Ministry does not maintain data with regard to incentives given by State Governments to winners of medals in National Games.

(d) & (e): Yes, Madam. As per schedule determined by the Indian Olympic Association (IOA), the 35th National Games are scheduled to be held in the State of Kerala in 2012, the 36th National Games in the State of Goa in 2014 and the 37th National Games in the State of Chhatisgarh in 2016.