

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

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to host the next South Asian Games as well as other International Games;
- (b) if so, the details worked out for the purposes so far; and
- (c) the amount earmarked, allocated and spent in this regard, separately?

Answer

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

(a) Yes Madam. After the 11th edition was held in Dhaka, Bangladesh in 2010, Bhutan had expressed its inability to host the Games. Being next in the alphabetical order of South Asian countries, it is India's turn to host the 12th South Asian Games.

(b) In terms of Article 12(4) of South Asian Olympic Council (SAOC), it is the responsibility of National Olympic Committee (NOC) i.e. Indian Olympic Association (IOA) to organize the Games. NOC can organize the Games on its own or may delegate this authority to an Organizing Committee, which shall act under the guidance of NOC. Indian Olympic Association (IOA), being NOC for the country, is required to work out the details about the conduct of the Games.

(c) So far no amount has been earmarked/allocated or spent for this purpose, as proposals are awaited from the IOA.