

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

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SOUTH ASIAN 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;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the work carried out for the purpose so far;
- (c) whether the Indian Olympic Association has sought the Government's support to host the above Games; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the funds earmarked in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) : South Asian Games (SAG) are organized by South Asian countries in alphabetical order. 11th SAG were organized by Bangladesh. 12th SAG were to be organized by Bhutan. Since Bhutan expressed its inability, India is to host the next edition of SAG.

(c) & (d) : During hosting of 11th South Asian Games in Bangladesh in 2010, wherein the South Asian Olympic Council (SAOC) decided to allot the 12th South Asian Games to India, Indian Olympic Association had indicated estimates with regard to financial assistance and sports infrastructure facilities. So far, no funds have been allocated for hosting 12th South Asian Games.