

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2570  
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PREPARATION FOR NATIONAL GAMES  
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**Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the present status of preparation for the next National Games;
- (b) the venue selected for hosting the said games in the country;
- (c) whether the Government is satisfied with the preparations;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the details of funds sanctioned/released and other sports facilities being provided for conducting the said games?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d) : The progress of preparation for the next National Games to be held in the State of Kerala is reviewed by the various Committees set up for this purpose by the Indian Olympic Association. The Central Government does not directly supervise the preparations for the National Games.

(e) The Central Government had earlier 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. Further, the Government of Kerala approached the Ministry for enhancement in ACA. For the purpose, a Central Team visited Kerala to make an assessment of the requirement of State Government. The Central Team after visit to Kerala recommended that for the purpose of assistance under ACA be accepted. The Central team suggested that the total central assistance to the level of Rs.202 crore (i.e. 50% of Rs.403.36 crore) be provided as ACA by the Planning Commission to Government of Kerala. Out of this, Rs.110 crore has already been provided as per the original budget estimates. Hence, an additional ACA of Rs.92 crore has been recommended to be provided to the Government of Kerala.

Planning Commission, to whom the recommendations of Central Team were forwarded, have agreed for a total project size of Rs.403.36 crore and have recommended to the Department of Expenditure for release of 2nd instalment of ACA of Rs.66 crore i.e. 30% grant.