

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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PREPARATION FOR COMMONWEALTH GAMES

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

- (a) whether preparations for the Commonwealth Games, 2010 are expected to be completed within the scheduled time;
- (b) if so, the status of progress made by the Government in regard to construction of sports stadia/accommodation arrangements etc., project-wise and the time by which all the preparations are likely to be completed;
- (c) the number of foreign sports persons and spectators expected to come and the facilities made available for hosting them;
- (d) the details of the events in which Indian sports persons are likely to participate;
- (e) the details of steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to provide world class arrangements to improve the performance of the Indian sports persons; and
- (f) the time by which selection of sport persons and providing of training camps are likely to be made?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI PRATIK PRAKASHBAPU PATIL)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. After obtaining the necessary regulatory clearances from the concerned agencies, the sports infrastructure work on the different venues of the Commonwealth Games was commenced. There have been instances of delays in a few projects for which 'Recovery Schedules' have been prepared. The work at all the venues is progressing at a rapid pace and will be completed well in time for the Games. The completion schedules of various stadia/Games Village has been indicated in the Annexure.

(c) About 8000 sportspersons are expected to come from abroad. 100,000 visitors are also expected for the Commonwealth Games. While the sportspersons would be accommodated in the Games Village, which will have all the modern facilities, arrangements are being made to augment the existing availability of hotel rooms in NCR for the visitors.

(d) The Indian sports persons would be participating in all the disciplines of CWG viz Archery, Athletics, Aquatics, Badminton, Boxing(M), Cycling, Gymnastics, Hockey, Lawn Bowls, Netball (W), Rugby 7s(M) Shooting, Squash, Table Tennis Tennis, Weightlifting, Wrestling, Elite Athletes with Disability (Athletics, Power lifting, Table Tennis and Swimming).

(e) & (f): To improve the performance of the Indian Contingent in the Commonwealth Games, 2010, a Scheme for Preparation of Indian Team for Commonwealth Games,2010 with allocation of Rs.678.00 crore (2008-09 to 2010-11) is being implemented for providing training to elite sportspersons in all the disciplines of the Commonwealth Games, 2010. 1140 sports persons have already been identified and they are undergoing training in India and abroad including participation in competitions.