

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

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ASSISTANCE FOR NATIONAL GAMES
Kodikunnil Shri Suresh

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

- (a) whether the State Government of Kerala has requested the Union Government to provide financial assistance for conducting the National Games to be held in 2010;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the State Government of Kerala has also requested the Union Government to modernise/upgrade various training centres of the Sports Authority of India set up in Kerala; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the financial assistance is likely to be provided?

Answer

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

- (a) Yes, Madam.
- (b) The State Government of Kerala had initially submitted a proposal for financial assistance giving a forecast of expenditure of Rs.682 crore for the 35th National Games, which was later on pruned to Rs.220 crore after due appraisal. The Central Government has sanctioned an Additional Central Assistance of Rs.110 crore (50% of the project cost of Rs.220 crore) to the State Government for the purpose.
- (c) Yes, Madam.
- (d) The State Government of Kerala has further requested for upgradation of Sports Authority of India Centres at Kozhikode, Thrissur, Alleppey and Thiruvananthapuram for their use in the National Games. Government has agreed for the use of these centres as venues for the Games, but the extent of upgradation would depend upon the availability of funds.