

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1899  
ANSWERED ON:19.08.2013  
OPTIMUM UTILISATION OF STADIA  
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**Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has evolved any policy for optimum use of stadia and is also considering to use stadia for non-sporting purposes to generate revenue for promoting sports;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the suggestions received by the Government in this regard; and
- (c) the time by which the said policy is likely to be finalised?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI JITENDRA SINGH)

(a) to (c): A scheme known as 'Come & Play' has been launched for general public for optimum use of Sports Authority of India (SAI) stadia. Apart from this, National Coaching Camps are being organized by the concerned federations in these stadia so that state-of-art facilities could be made available to sportspersons to enable them to achieve excellence in sports.

Regarding non-sporting purposes, it is submitted that although sporting activities are preferred, the Governing Body of SAI in its 40th meeting held on 24th July 2013 has decided to use stadia for non- sporting events as well.