

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

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OPENING CLOSING CEREMONY FOR CG
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has finalised the programme for the opening and closing ceremonies for the Commonwealth Games (CG) to be held in 2010;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of funds earmarked for the purpose;
- (d) whether the Commonwealth Games Federation expressed its concern over the delays in finalising the programmes for these ceremonies;and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the schedule of these programmes are likely to be finalised?

Answer

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

- (a) The Concept and Theme for the Opening Ceremony of the Commonwealth Games Delhi, 2010 has been finalised. The Theme and Concept for the closing Ceremony is in advanced stage of finalisation.
- (b) The operation details are being developed by the Organising Committee of CWG-Delhi,2010.
- (c) Rs.84.00 crores approximately has been earmarked for the two Ceremonies in the budget of the Organising Committee, CWG-Delhi, 2010.
- (d) & (e) The Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) have advised that the programme for the Opening and Closing Ceremonies needs to be finalised early. The Opening Ceremony is scheduled to be held on 3rd October 2010 and the Closing Ceremony on 14th October 2010. The programmes will be ready in time.