

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SKILL DEVELOPMENT, ENTREPRENEURSHIP, YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:26
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NATIONAL GAMES
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Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT, ENTREPRENEURSHIP, YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of preparation for the next National Games to be held in January 2015;
- (b) whether the preparation for the said Games is progressing satisfactorily and as per the time schedule;
- (c) if so, the details thereof including the facilities provided/likely to be provided for smooth conduct of the Games;
- (d) the details of funds sanctioned/released and utilized for the said purpose, so far; and
- (e) whether the Government has received any request from Kerala for providing additional financial assistance for the National Games and if so, the details thereof and the follow up action taken by the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR SKILL DEVELOPMENT, ENTREPRENEURSHIP, YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL)

(a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 26 TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.07.2014 REGARDING NATIONAL GAMES BY SHRI MOHAMMED FAIZAL

(a) to (c) 35th National Games are being hosted by the State of Kerala. Organizing Committee of National Games, Kerala declared on 26th June 2014 the dates for conduct of the 35th National Games. The 35th National Games will be held from 31st January to 14th February, 2015. There are 34 competition events and 2 demo events to be conducted at 25 venues and at temporary overlays spread across 7 Districts of Kerala viz., Thiruvananthapuram, Kollam, Alappuzha, Ernakulam, Thrissur, Kozhikkode and Kannur.

According to the information received from the Government of Kerala renovation of 16 stadia and construction of 9 new stadia are moving at a fast pace. Details of name of stadia, events, progress of construction and expected date of completion are given in the annexure.

A Games Village is being set up at Menamkulam, Thiruvananthapuram in 28 acres of land using prefab technology for the accommodation of around 5000 participants and officials and for other centres, it has been decided to have a centralised Hotel / Apartment type of accommodation facility.

National Games Organizing Committee under the Chairmanship of Chief Minister of Kerala is chalking out plans and programmes for the smooth conduct of 35th National Games. An Executive Council consisting of 27 members has also been constituted for effective decision making. The 7 district level Local Organizing Committees constituted under the Chairmanship of Ministers of Government of Kerala are also active for co-ordinating various activities at district level.

22 State level Sub Committees have also been formed with specific responsibilities. The Sub Committees prioritized under first phase viz Technical Committee, Infrastructure & Overlays, Import of equipments, ICT, Marketing, Sponsorships, etc have already started functioning and are on the path of finalization of specified task entrusted to them. Other Committees have been formed for specific tasks and required task force entrusted to plan and implement the task satisfactorily for the successful conduct.

(d) The Planning Commission has approved and recommended a project size of Rs.403.36 Crore on condition of sharing 30:70 between Central and State Governments and recommended to sanction a total sum of Rs. 121 Crore as Central share. This amount has been released to the Government of Kerala in two instalments.

The Government of Kerala has requested for central assistance of Rs.201.68 crore (50% of the project cost of Rs. 403.86 crore). However, the Planning Commission has recommended 30% central share. Planning Commission has pointed out that as per existing guidelines of Additional Central Assistance (ACA) General Category States are entitled to get 30% grant as one-time ACA of the total project cost, the remaining 70% of the project cost is to be borne by the State Governments. Accordingly, ACA for 35th National Games works out Rs. 121 crore (30% of project cost of Rs. 403.86 crore) and entire amount of ACA of Rs.121 has been released to the Government of Kerala.

Apart from the Central share, the State Government have already released an amount of Rs. 144.90 Crores to the National Games Secretariat. All the works related to the National Games are nearing completion.

(e) No specific proposal for additional financial assistance has since been received in this Ministry from the Government of Kerala.