

Title: Need to give income tax exemptions on all donations for National Games to be held in Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh.

SHRI RAJIAH MALYALA (SIDDIPET): The national games for the year 2002 are scheduled to be held in Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh. Several new stadiums are to be constructed and other infrastructures are to be put in an estimate cost of Rs.150 crore. The State Government have taken in hand construction of outdoor and indoor stadiums and swimming pools in 16 district headquarters.

The Sport Authority of Andhra Pradesh is undertaking several steps and initiatives to promote sports and games. The State Government have announced a Sports Policy which has been well received by all. In order to speed up these activities the State Government have approached individuals and the various other institutions to donate liberally for games. As requested by the State Government, the Government of India should grant 100 per cent tax exemption on donations from institutions and individuals.

I urge upon the Government to issue orders in this regard at an early date to enable donors to come forward to help the State in conducting the national games, 2002, smoothly.