

Title: Need to approve the proposal of Indian Olympic Association for conducting first Afro-Asian games at Hyderabad from 24th October to 1st November, 2003. - - Laid.

SHRI CHADA SURESH REDDY (HANAMKONDA) : The Central Government agreed to the request of Andhra Pradesh Government for hosting 1st Afro-Asian Games from 24th October to 1st November, 2003 in Hyderabad. The State Government in consultation with the Indian Olympic Association (IOC) and eight concerned National Federations initiated action for making arrangements for staging the games in a befitting manner. Successful conduct of the games will give boost to our standard in our sports.

Keeping in view the prevailing situation in Hyderabad the Indian Olympic Association has estimated a budget of Rs. 136 crores for games and has sent the proposal for approval to the Government of India. One of the major items of expenditure is on the improvements to be made in existing housing complex to bring it to the international living standards where foreign teams from Asia and Africa number about 2000 would be accommodated. From security point of view, this housing complex is located adjacent to the main sports complex which is not suitable one.

I, request the Government of India to approve the proposal submitted by the Indian Olympic Association on behalf of the organizing committee to 1st Afro-Asian games at the earliest.