GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 3665 TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.08.2025

INDIA OLYMPICS BID 2036

3665. SHRI GURMEET SINGH MEET HAYER:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India is bidding to host the 2036 Olympics, with proposed venues including Hockey in Bhubaneswar, Rowing in Bhopal, Canoeing/Kayaking in Pune and Cricket in Mumbai;
- (b) if so, the parameters considered by the Government while selecting these cities for various sports;
- (c) whether the bid is being labeled as a "Pan-India bid" by the Government, yet most venues are concentrated in just 2-3 States;
- (d) the manner in which this represents the entire country; and
- (e) whether Punjab and Haryana have produced the maximum number of Olympians, if so, the reasons for not included in the bid, while Gujarat, with practically zero Olympic representation has been given prominence?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (DR. MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)

(a) to (e) Bidding to host the Olympic Games in India is the responsibility of the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) and allotment of hosting rights for the Olympics is done by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) through a detailed host selection process. The host selection process is available in public domain on IOC website at https://www.olympics.com/ioc/becoming-an-olympic-games-host/the-process-to-elect-olympic-hosts. IOA has submitted a letter of intent to IOC. The bid is now in the "Continuous Dialogue" phase with the Future Host Commission of IOC.
