

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

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RECOVERING UNSPENT GRANT  
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**Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the reasons for the failure to recover the unspent grant from the organizing committee of the first Afro-Asian Games held in 2001;
- (b) the amount be recovered from the organizing committee; and
- (c) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) STATISTICS & PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION, YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS AND OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES)

(a) to (c): Government had sanctioned Rs.10.00 crores to First Afro-Asian Games 2001 Organizing Committee (OC) on 14th June, 2001. The Games were postponed on 11th September, 2001.

On 22nd October, 2001, OC was asked to send accounts, UC and unspent balance to this Ministry which was followed by reminders. However, due to non-settlements of accounts, etc. and pending re-scheduling of the Games, OC could not refund the unspent balance. Consequent upon decision for holding the First Afro Asian Games at Hyderabad in 2003, OC has refunded Rs.6.70 crores to the Government. OC is yet to submit the Utilization Certificate and accounts for the expenditure of Rs.3.43 crores indicated to have been incurred by it. OC has reported an unspent balance of Rs.35.31 Lakhs kept for meeting the expenditure on convening last meeting of OC for adoption and approval of dissolution of the Society and for audit fee of Chartered Accountant. OC has been asked to finalize its accounts and get it approved by its General Body at the earliest.