

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3069
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HANDING OVER OF SPORTS COMPLEX
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) The steps taken by the Union Government to expedite construction works at Shiv Chhatrapati Sports Complex Balewadi (Pun
- (e) where the third Commonwealth Games will be held from October 12,2008 ;
- (b) The likely date of hand over the sports complex to the organizers of the games ;
- (c) Whether Maharashtra has requested the Union Government for early disbursement of funds for completion of works at Sports Complex ; and
- (d) The expenses likely to be incurred thereon ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ, YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EAST REGION (SHRI MANISHANKAR AIYAR)

(a)(c)&(d): The Government of Maharashtra had submitted proposals for an amount of Rs.192.5 crores for the construction/upgradation of sports infrastructure for the Commonwealth Youth Games. The Planning Commission had deputed a team, headed by the Adviser, to evaluate the proposals. After examination, it has recommended financial assistance to the tune of Rs.100 crores for this purpose. Accordingly, action is being taken by the Ministry for obtaining approvals of the competent authority and for making the required budgetary provisions. The Government of Maharashtra has been requested to provide revised proposals for this purpose, and efforts are being made to take further action in the matter expeditiously.

(b) As per information received from the State Government, the sports complex would be handed over to the organizers on 1.6.2008, as per tentative schedule.