

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2063
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HOSTING OF RUGBY 7`S
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the University of Delhi has agreed to host Rugby 7`s in its Sports Complex and provide its sports grounds to participating athletes for practice sessions during Commonwealth Games, 2010 as reported in the Indian Express dated January 9, 2007;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the University administration was earlier reluctant to host the event at its outdoor stadium;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether the proposal is being considered by the Common Wealth Organizing Committee (CWOC);
- (f) the amount of expenditure likely to be incurred on hosting the event; and
- (g) the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ, YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION
(SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) The Delhi University`s main ground has been selected as competition venue for Rugby 7`s. Besides, the grounds of various other colleges of the University are also likely to be utilized as training venues.
- (c) No, Sir.
- (d) Does not arise.
- (e) The proposal of having the competition venue of Rugby 7`s at Delhi University has been considered by the Commonwealth Games Organizing Committee 2010 and found acceptable.
- (f) The detailed estimates are yet to be received from the Delhi University.
- (g) The decision on Competition venue has already been taken. Discussions are underway with all the stakeholders with regard to finalization of details in respect of training venues.