

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

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SHOWCASING CULTURE IN CG

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

- (a) whether Commonwealth Games (CG), 2010 is an opportunity of the Government to showcase our rich cultural heritage and contemporary achievements to the world;
- (b) if so, the details of plans of the Government to successfully achieve this objective;
- (c) whether efforts are being made to attract the spectators/foreign delegations;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the other steps being taken/proposed to be taken by the Government/organizing Committee to conduct the Commonwealth Games successfully?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS (SHRI PRATIK PRAKASHBAPU PATIL)

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) Besides the Opening and Closing Ceremonies, it is planned to showcase India's rich cultural heritage and contemporary achievements through City Cultural Celebrations. The proposed events will include cultural programmes, music and dance festivals, exhibitions, Film Festivals etc.

(c) & (d) Efforts are being made to attract domestic as well as foreign spectators to the Games. These, inter-alia, include opening of new state of art Airport Terminal; augmentation of accommodation in Hotels /Guest Houses, Development/upgradation of Sports Infrastructure, Improving/augmenting City Infrastructure and Public Transport, organizing Cultural Programmes, publicity overseas through the Queen's Baton Relay.

(e) All necessary steps are being taken to complete the preparations for the games in time including completion of sports infrastructure and Conduct of the games. The Organizing Committee(OC) has been strengthened for this purpose. The Group of Ministers (GOM) and the Committee of Secretaries (COS) are monitoring all aspects of the preparation regularly.