

and Indian coaches, passage cost, board and lodging etc. Besides this, with a view to boosting the morale of the outstanding sportspersons, the Government felicitates them with National Sports Awards and Cash Awards. The Government also provides like pension to outstanding sportspersons after their retirement from active sport. Financial assistance is also provided to outstanding retired sportspersons who are now living in indigent circumstances.

Expenditure of CWG

†426. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government had made any estimate in respect of organizing the Commonwealth Games including various preparations, construction works and other expenditures;
- (b) if so, the initial estimate;
- (c) the increased amount at present;
- (d) whether the Comptroller and Auditor General is conducting its audit; and
- (e) whether the development of sports places of other States besides Delhi could not be possible through making stadium and other development work by dividing scheduled sports in other States in addition to Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI PRATIK PRAKASHBAPU PATIL): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. On the basis of the projection by the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) a figure of Rs. 655.00 crore had been estimated in September, 2003, for staging the Commonwealth Games in India. The current estimated budget, for holding the Games including Construction of Venues, Preparation of Teams, Conduct of Games and other expenditure, is Rs. 10445 crore.

- (d) Yes, Sir.
- (e) The Commonwealth Games are allotted to a city. The Commonwealth Games, 2010 were similarly allotted to Delhi. The sports venues for the various sports disciplines are therefore, located in Delhi.

Monthly remuneration for hockey team

427. SHRI T.K. RANGARAJAN: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether monthly remunerations have been fixed for the players of the National Hockey Team;
- (b) if so, the details of the amount paid to the players monthly;
- (c) whether incentives and perks are provided to the players on international tours;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether there is any proposal to enhance the remuneration and perks to the players;

and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI PRATIK PRAKASHBAPU PATIL): (a) and (b) The Government does not pay any monthly remuneration to any player including hockey players.

(c) and (d) The Government provides grant for the passage cost on national and international sector, airport tax, visa fee and board & lodging of the members of the national teams going abroad for participating in approved international events or training & training-cum-competitions and out of pocket assistance of USD 25 per person per day is also given to the team members for participation in major international events.

(e) No, Madam.

(f) Does not arise.

Preparations of Commonwealth Games

428. SHRI P. RAJEEV: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any specific steps to overcome the problems faced in the preparations of Commonwealth Games;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of months being taken to finish the preparations for the Commonwealth Games?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI PRATIK PRAKASHBAPU PATIL): (a) and (b) All necessary steps are being taken to complete the preparations for hosting the Commonwealth Games in time including completion of sports infrastructure and strengthening of the management and administration within the Organizing Committee (OC). Various matters related to successful organization of the Games including progress of work for each Venue is also being monitored/reviewed every week by the Committee of Secretaries and the Group of Ministers.

(c) All the Competition Venues will be completed by 31st March, 2010 except Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium which will be completed by 30th June, 2010.

Indian Hockey players rebellion against Hockey India Management

429. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state: