

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)
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YACHTING IN GOA FOR THE OLYMPICS

479 SHRI SADANAND MHALU SHET TANAVADE:

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

- (a) the details of the centers the Ministry is considering for yachting events for the Olympics that India is bidding for;
- (b) whether the Ministry is considering Goa as a yachting center for the Olympics that India is bidding for;
- (c) whether the Ministry, has plans to develop or upgrade yachting facilities in Goa to meet international standards, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps being taken by the Ministry to promote and support yachting and other water sports in Goa?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
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(a) & (b) The allotment of hosting rights for the Olympics is done by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) through a detailed host selection process spelt out in the public domain. The IOC has a dedicated body, the Future Host Commission (FHC), which deals with this subject. The interested National Olympics Committees (NOCs) are required to initiate a dialogue with the FHC for award of hosting rights for a specific edition of the Olympic Games. The Indian Olympic Association (IOA), which is the NOC for India, has initiated the dialogue process with the FHC.

(c) & (d) For promotion and development of water sports disciplines in the country, the Ministry has recognized the following National Sports Federations (NSFs), which are mandated, inter alia, to organize national championships, conduct international sports events in India and their State level affiliated units being responsible for organizing sports competitions at State level, so as to promote the culture of competitive sports:

- (i) Yachting Association of India
- (ii) Rowing Federation of India
- (iii) Indian Canoeing & Kayaking Association
- (iv) Swimming Federation of India

The Ministry provides its financial support to the above NSFs for conduct of National Championships, preparation and participation of Indian sportspersons / teams in the international sporting events, holding of international events in India, etc.
