

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1910

ANSWERED ON- 22/12/2022

PARTICIPATION IN COMMONWEALTH GAMES

1910. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY:

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

- (a) the manner in which the Ministry looks at the statement of the Prime Minister to shed colonial traces and take pride in the country's roots;
- (b) whether the Ministry is considering not to participate in the Commonwealth Games since they are being conducted among the commonwealth countries and the sports are inaugurated either by Queen or any Member of the Royal family of the UK; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
(SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR)

(a): Excelling in sports gives a sense of achievement, national pride and patriotism to not only the participating sportspersons but also to every citizen of the country. Sports also provide beneficial recreation, improve productivity and foster social harmony and discipline. Keeping these facts in view, the National Sports Policy was framed with main objective of “broad-basing of sports” and “achieving excellence in sports” at the national and international levels. All schemes of the Ministry have also been tailored to achieve these objectives.

(b): No, Sir, there is no such proposal.

(c): Question does not arise in view of (b) above.
