

MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)
RAJYA SABHA
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SUCCESSFUL HOSTING OF INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

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

(a) whether India has emerged as a major host after successful hosting of international events, like, FIFA U-17 Women's Football World Cup, 44th FIDE Chess Olympiad and (WADA) Athlete Biological Passport Symposium-2022;

(b) if so, whether Government is taking steps to assess and prepare for the possibility of hosting the Youth Olympics in 2029 and Olympics in 2036; and

(c) if so, the key areas of focus in this regard?

ANSWER

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

(a): The FIFA U-17 Women's Football World Cup and 44th FIDE Chess Olympiad were successfully organised in India by the concerned National Sports Federations (NSFs), i.e. All India Football Federation (AIFF) and All India Chess Federation (AICF), respectively.

The FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup 2022 was held from 11th to 30th October, 2022 at Bhubaneswar, Goa and Navi Mumbai. The 44th FIDE Chess Olympiad was held from 28th July to 10th August 2022 in Mahabalipuram, Chennai, Tamil Nadu wherein a total number of 1737 players from 186 countries participated.

On its part, the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports provided all requisite support for Indian participation and hosting the above sporting events.

Further, 3rd edition of the World Anti Doping Agency (WADA) Athlete Biological Passport (ABP) Symposium was successfully hosted in New Delhi, India from 12-14 October, 2022 wherein 200+ participants from 54 countries attended. The Symposium strengthened India's position in the global anti-doping arena, fast-tracked the possibilities to establish an Athlete Passport Management Unit in India and also built scientific capacities related to anti-doping.

(b) & (c): Allotment of multi-sports events such as Olympics and Youth Olympics is done by International Olympic Committee (IOC) through a detailed host selection process prescribed by IOC, in which interested National Olympic Committees (NOCs) initiate the

dialogue with the IOC, which led to continuous dialogue and then to targeted dialogue with the Future Host Commission of the IOC. Thereafter, the IOC Executive Board calls an election and the IOC Members vote for Hosting the Olympic Games. The process is available on IOC website at olympics.com. The Ministry has requested the NOC for India, Indian Olympic Association to initiate the dialogue process with the IOC.
