

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS  
DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-2235**  
ANSWERED ON- 21/12/2023

**Aadudam Andhra (Play Andhra) sports and games event**

2235. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY:

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

(a) whether Ministry is aware that the State Government of Andhra Pradesh is conducting Aadudam Andhra (Play Andhra) sports and games event in the State from 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2023 to 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2024;

(b) whether the Ministry is also aware that the games are conducted at ward, village, Mandal, Assembly segment, district, and State level to find out talent at the grassroots;

(c) whether the Central Government will consider helping the State financially and otherwise to conduct these games successfully, given the State is in financial crisis due to bifurcation; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

(SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR)

(a) & (b): Government of Andhra Pradesh has informed that the "Aadudam Andhra" is a State-wide youth sports tournament to be organized by them which is scheduled to be held from 26<sup>th</sup> December, 2023 to 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2024. The objective of this tournament is to engage youth in the age group of 15 years and above from all Village and Ward Secretariats (panchayats and wards) across the State to adopt an active lifestyle, to spot talent and to promote awareness on health & wellbeing. The qualifying teams proceed to compete at Mandal, Constituency, District and State finals.

(c) & (d): "Sports" being a State subject, the responsibility of development of sports in the country including conduct of State level sports & games event rests primarily with the State/Union Territory governments. The Central government only supplements their efforts. No proposal for financial assistance for conduct of these games have been received by the Ministry.

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