# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS) **RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION No -799** ANSWERED ON 08/02/2024

# **HOSTING OF OLYMPIC GAMES, 2036**

### 799 # SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR:

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

(a) whether the Government is making efforts to host the Olympic Games, 2036 in the country;

(b) whether hosting of Olympic Games will provide international exposure to athletes and will make the country a hub of the global sports ecosystem;

(c) whether India has achieved its best performance so far in the Tokyo Olympics and Paralympic games; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### ANSWER

## THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

## (SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR)

(a): Yes, Sir. At the 141<sup>st</sup> International Olympic Committee (IOC) Session held in Mumbai in October 2023, Hon'ble Prime Minister had announced India's intention to bid for hosting of Olympic Games, 2036. The Future Host Commission (FHC) of IOC deals with the Olympic bid process, which now is a continuous dialogue-driven approach for selection of the host city/country. To start with, there is an informal exchange which then evolves into a series of continued and targeted dialogues by the interested parties with the FHC, spanning over a period of two years. The entire bid process is undertaken by the National Olympic Committee (NOC) of the concerned country, which, in case of India, is Indian Olympic Association (IOA). The IOA has already connected with the FHC.

(b): Yes, Sir. Hosting of mega sports events such as Olympic Games helps in providing greater international exposure to Indian athletes and is also beneficial to make the country become a global sporting hub.

(c) & (d): Yes, Sir. India's performance in Tokyo Olympics 2020 and Tokyo Paralympics 2020 was the best ever performance by Indian sportspersons in Olympic Games and Paralympic Games. India won 7 medals (1 Gold, 2 Silver and 4 Bronze) in Tokyo Olympics and 19 (5 Gold, 8 Silver and 6 Bronze) medals in Tokyo Paralympics.

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