

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS  
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-2393**  
ANSWERED ON-20/03/2025

**INDIAN OPEN BADMINTON TOURNAMENT 2025**

2393. SHRI S NIRANJAN REDDY

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

- (a) whether Government is aware of the concerns raised by players regarding severe air pollution during the India Open Badminton Tournament 2025 held in Delhi;
- (b) whether it is a fact that the Badminton Association of India gets access to the stadium only four days before the tournament, causing logistical difficulties, if so, the reasons for the delay;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that the Sports Authority of India is considering shifting the tournament to an alternate venue due to pollution and infrastructure concerns; and
- (d) whether any official communication has been made to the Badminton World Federation regarding a potential change of venue, if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

(SHRI MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)

(a) to (d) This Ministry has recognized Badminton Association of India (BAI) as a National Sports Federation (NSF) for the promotion and development of Badminton sport in India. The India Open Badminton Tournament 2025 was held under the aegis of Badminton Association of India (BAI). BAI has informed that Air Pollution complaint has been made by only one foreign player, who lost her match in first round of the tournament. Badminton World Federation (BWF) had approved the venue and tournament was conducted successfully.

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