

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS  
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION No-2397**  
ANSWERED ON- 20/03/2025

**COMMONWEALTH GAMES 2030**

2397 SHRI VAIKO:  
SHRI M. SHANMUGAM:

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

- (a) whether India has expressed desire for hosting Commonwealth Games 2030, in the wake of intent to host Olympics 2036;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether some of the disciplines removed in 2026 CWG which are popular in India like hockey, badminton, wrestling, shooting would be included in the Commonwealth Games irrespective of the host for 2030 CWG;
- (d) whether joint efforts would be made with other friendly countries for including these disciplines in the CWG; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

(DR. MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)

(a) & (b) Indian Olympic Association has submitted an expression of interest on 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2025 to the Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) to host the 2030 Commonwealth Games in India.

(c) to (e) Decision with regard to inclusion of sports discipline in the commonwealth games are taken by the CGF and the concerned host country. The CGF is the organization responsible for the direction and control of the Commonwealth Games, the Commonwealth Sport movement and other related events. Earlier, the 2026 Commonwealth Games were to be hosted by Victoria, Australia but the host withdrew from the Games due to various reasons, primarily due to paucity of funds. Thereafter, the CGF found Glasgow, Scotland as the replacement host for the 2026 Commonwealth Games. This has led to a much reduced budget, time frame and a reduced sports programme as compared to the previous games. For these Games, only 10 sports have been selected. The selection was based on the four available venues within close proximity, the available budget and careful management of the total athlete numbers (maximum 3000).

The Government wrote to the CGF President over the exclusion of 9 major sports such as Badminton, Cricket, Hockey, Shooting, Squash, Table Tennis, and Wrestling. The CGF President has replied, inter alia, that having only 10 sports disciplines is a temporary position to secure the 2026 Games, and that exclusion of any sport does not set a precedence for inclusion in the future Games.

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