

**Government of India
Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports
Department of Sports**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 734
TO BE ANSWERD ON 17.09.2020**

36th National Games

734. SHRI GAUTHAM SIGAMANI PON:

SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:

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

(a) whether the 36th National Games set to be organized in Goa has been postponed indefinitely and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the Government has extended financial assistance to the State Government for development of infrastructure for organizing National Games and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is always delay in organizing the National Games in India and if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor;

(d) the problems faced by the States in hosting the National Games and reasons for cancellation thereof;

(e) whether the Government has also organized annual Khelo India University Games to promote sport and athletes, if so, the details thereof alongwith the number of athletes and universities that have participated in the event; and

(f) the measures being taken for the promotion of the National Games among athletes and spectators?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

[SHRI KIREN RIJIJU]

(a) The 36th National Games allotted to Goa, which was scheduled from 20.10.2020 to 04.11.2020, had been postponed due to outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic.

(b) Central assistance of Rs.97.80 crore has been released to the Government of Goa for creation / development of sports infrastructure for 36th National Games.

(c) & (d) National Games, being biennial, are required to be conducted every two years. But there has been delays in timely conduct of National Games, which are attributable for reasons such as non-completion of stadia and sports infrastructure in scheduled time, announcement of elections of States and General Elections, weather conditions such as monsoon, unexpected outbreak of pandemic, etc.

(e) The first Khelo India University Games was successfully conducted at Odisha from 22nd February to 1st March, 2020 with total athlete participation of 3182 from 158 universities in 17 sports disciplines.

(f) Athletes and teams are well aware about the National Games through the State Governments, concerned National Sports Federations, Sports Promotion Boards, etc. Once the dates of National Games are finalised, Indian Olympic Association and the Organizing Committee of National Games use various publicity platforms such as print media, electronic media, social media to promote the National Games among spectators throughout the country.
