

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1033
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.12.2024**

Commonwealth Games

1033. SHRI BALASHOWRY VALLABHANENI:

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

- (a) whether the next Commonwealth Games are going to be held removing hockey, cricket, badminton, wrestling, table tennis, squash, rhythmic gymnastics, diving, shooting and beach volleyball, if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) the impact of above decision on Indian athletes;**
- (c) whether India tried to persuade Scotland to also conduct the above games; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
(DR. MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)**

(a) to (d) The Commonwealth Games Federation (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, namely, Swimming and Para Swimming, Artistic Gymnastics, Cycling Track and Para Cycling Track, Netball, Weightlifting and Para Powerlifting, Boxing, Judo, Bowls and Para Bowls, 3x3 Basketball and 3x3 Wheelchair Basketball 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 precedent for inclusion in the future Games.
