

Purchase and sale of tickets for Asian Games

638. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT: Will the Minister of SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of persons who purchased tickets for the Asiad Games in New Delhi in November, 1982;

(b) what is the revenue Government received from the sale of tickets;

(c) whether it is a fact that all the Members of Parliament were invited to attend the inaugural function of Asiad Games; and

(d) whether a few M.Ps, were not invited to the inaugural function, if so, what were the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, SPORTS AND WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) The Special Organising Committee for the IX Asian Games, 1982 (SOC) has informed that no such record has been maintained by them.

(b) The amount by way of sale of tickets both in India and abroad is estimated at Rs. 1.85 crores.

(c) All the Members of Parliament were extended invitation for the inaugural function of the Asian Games by the SOC.

(d) Does not arise.

Complaints by M.P.s regarding non-receipt of invitation cards for the opening of Asian Games

639. SHRI ROBIN KAKATI: Will the Minister of SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there were complaints by a large number of MPs that they had not received invitation cards for

the opening ceremony of the Asian Games held on the 19th November, 1982; and

(b) if so, the number of such complaints received by the Government?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, SPORTS AND WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) and (b) No written complaints were received by the Special Organising Committee for the IX Asian Games, 1982 (SOC) for non-receipt of invitation cards by the Members of Parliament for the Opening Ceremony of the Asian Games held on the 19th November, 1982. S.O.C. did receive some verbal complaints prior to the Opening Ceremony. However all the Members of Parliament were issued invitation cards by S.O.C. before the Opening Ceremony.

Foreign visitors to ASIAD

640. SHRI R. R. MORARKA: Will the Minister of SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of foreign visitors to ASIAD, apart from the participants, their coaches and managers;

(b) whether any estimate has been made regarding foreign exchange earnings from such visitors; and

(c) the names of foreign countries in which ASIAD tickets were sold together with the number of tickets sold in each country and the amount realised?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, SPORTS AND WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) and (b) The Special Organising Committee for the IX Asian Games, 1982 (SOC) have informed that they do not have the information in regard to the number of foreign visitors to Asiad '82 and the foreign exchange earnings from such visitors.

(c) A Statement is attached. (See below).

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