

crores is on construction/renovation of Asiad stadia and Rs. 8.03 crores for making other arrangements for the conduct of the Games.

(c) The total number of athletes and sportsmen country-wise and game-wise expected so far is given in the statement attached. [See Appendix CXXIV Annexure No. 98]. The representation of various States in India in the Indian Contingent will depend upon the final selection to be made by the Indian Olympic Association and the National Sports Federations concerned.

(d) Out of 16.46 lakhs of tickets for IX Asian Games put out for sale in India 10.63 lakhs had been sold up to 28-9-1982. Figure of tickets sold abroad out of 52,660 put out for sale is awaited from the Special Organising Committee.

(e) The tickets of IX Asian Games, 1982 have been sold at 129 sales Centres in 91 towns in India through the State Bank of India and in 35 countries abroad through Air India and Indian Airlines. The sale of tickets throughout the country was based on the policy evolved by the Special Organising Committee and every effort has been made for fair sale of tickets to all sections of society.

Visitors likely to witness the ASIAD

1506. SHRI SHYAM SUNDER MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of Sports be pleased to state the number of visitors likely to witness the ASIAD and what arrangements have been made for their seating?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SUPPLY AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): The number of people who will witness the different events of the ASIAD '82 in the different stadia will comprise both visitors and residents of Delhi. Besides, many people, including visitors, will view the ASIAD '82 only on television. It is, therefore, not possible to estimate the number of visitors only who will view the games within the stadia. In general terms, however, it can be stated

that the number of persons viewing the games in the stadia is not expected to exceed the seating capacity of these stadia and tickets have been issued for sale accordingly.

1507. [Transferred to the 2nd November, 1982.]

Scholarships to outstanding Sportsman Sportswomen

1508. SHRI J. K. JAIN: Will the Minister of SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have introduced any scheme of awarding scholarships to outstanding sportsmen and sportswomen of the country;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) what criteria has been fixed for selection of sportsmen and sportswomen in various disciplines for award of these scholarships;

(d) whether any such scholarships have already been awarded; and

(e) if so, the details thereof with the name of the awardees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SUPPLY AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) and (b) The Government has introduced with effect from the current year 1982-83, a scheme for award of 30 scholarships of the value of Rs. 2,400/- per annum to outstanding sports-women. Twenty-one awards have been announced already and the rest will be finalised shortly. Besides this, the scheme of giving Arjuna Awards to outstanding sports-men and women is being continued. Under this scheme, commencing from the awards for the year 1978-79 onwards, each Arjuna awardee is being paid a stipend of Rs. 200/- per month for 24 months.