

National Playing Fields Association

3403. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the concern of the people on dire need for adequate space for children and young people to play especially in big metropolitan cities;

(b) if so, the average space available for children to play in the four largest metro cities of the country; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to set up a National Playing Fields Association in order to ensure exclusive playing space for kids?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI PRATIK PRAKASHBAPU PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No specific data is available with the Ministry in this regard.

(c) The Ministry has set up the "National Playing Fields Association of India" in February, 2009 as a Society under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 with the main objective of protecting, promoting, developing and improving playfields and open spaces for sports and physical recreation. The Ministry has requested State Governments also to set up similar bodies at the States level.

Amount spent on air travel during CWG

3404. SHRI NARESH GUJRAL: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount spent on air travel of players/officials who came for the Commonwealth Games, 2010; and

(b) the total amount spent on hosting them in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI PRATIK PRAKASHBAPU PATIL): (a) The Organizing Committee (OC) has informed that the total amount spent on air travel of players/officials for the Commonwealth Games, 2010, is Rs. 44.00 crore approximately.

(b) The Organizing Committee (OC) has reported that no separate accounts in respect of expenditure on hosting of players/officials have been maintained.

Encouragement for youth from border areas

3405. SHRI TARUN VIJAY: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state: