

Expectations met from CWG 2010

*434. SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Commonwealth Games 2010, measured up to the spectacular success he had hoped for in terms of macro and micro-management, budget, timely submission of plans and completion of projects, tourist arrivals, projection of India's image in the domestic media and abroad, and returns on investment made in financial and broader terms; and

(b) whether he would ensure that bids for mega international sports events, such as the Asiad and the Olympics, are not made till organized sports facilities reach the bulk of our children and youth through the Panchayat Yuva Khel aur Krida Abhiyan?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (DR. M.S. GILL): (a) The Commonwealth Games, which were a major enterprise, with about 7,000 competitors and officials from 71 countries and territories, to be hosted for about two weeks, required a large number of major Stadia and comprehensive arrangements, for reception, hospitality and Games management. In spite of difficulties, the Stadia were got ready in time, by the Government of India and some other agencies. The Organizing Committee looked after the reception and arrangements for the Games. In the end, the Games were perceived as a success, by the visiting countries and by our people. The Ministry of Tourism had estimated a possible arrival of about one lakh tourists. About 76,000 foreign tourists are calculated to have visited New Delhi during the period of the Games.

The Organizing Committee had projected a revenue generation of Rs. 1708 crores. The net revenue generated by the Organizing Committee will be known only when the final figures are furnished after settlement of accounts.

(b) Bids for future mega events will only be considered by Government, in the light of the reports and recommendations of the Shunglu Committee, the CAG, the CVC etc. The Government is pushing an impressive programme of promotion of rural sports through the Panchayat Yuva Krida Aur Khel Abhiyan. This, however, cannot be linked with the bidding for any future sports event.

Agreements signed during the visit of American President

†*435. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of agreements signed between India and America during American President's recent India visit, and the names of sectors to be benefited therefrom in India;

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