

(b) whether most of the tickets window regretted and spectators were compelled to return from window without ticket;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the number of spectators in the stadia were very few and mostly these stadia were lacking sufficient number of audiences; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI PRATIK PRAKASHBAPU PATIL): (a) The Organizing Committee has reported that the total number of tickets printed for all the events of the Commonwealth Games was 11,42,048. Out of these, the tickets sold to spectators was 5,61,909. The attendance of spectators reported at the stadiums was approximately 6,87,000, which included the spectators with complimentary tickets issued out of unsold stock of tickets. The details regarding number of tickets sold, sports-wise and category-wise, is given in the Statement-I. The cost structure category-wise is given in Statement-II. [Refer to the statement appended to answer to USQ No. 450 (part (a) and (b))].

(b) and (c) The tickets were available except some sessions being sold out towards the final sessions of some popular sports like Hockey, Tennis, Swimming, Boxing etc.

(d) and (e) Initially the spectators/audience in the stadia were less but towards the finals the capacity had been full in the popular sports.

Upgradation of stadia

†463. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

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

(a) whether it is fact that the sports Authority of India had planned to renovate or upgrade many stadia in the country for holding sports events of Commonwealth Games;

(b) if so, the stadia for which the planning was done; and

(c) the estimated cost of execution of the projects as was assured earlier and the actual expenditure incurred on each project finally?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

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

(b) The following stadia were renovated/upgraded by the Sports Authority of India for the Commonwealth Games, 2010:

- i) Jawahar Lal Nehru Sports Complex;
- ii) Major Dhayan Chand National Stadium Complex;
- iii) Indira Gandhi National Stadium Complex;
- iv) Dr. S. P. M. Swimming Pool Complex; and
- v) Dr. Karni Singh Shooting Ranges.

(c) An amount of Rs. 2460 crore was approved by the Government for development and upgradation/renovation of the above stadia.

Readiness of stadia on opening day

†464. SHRI ISHWARLAL SHANKARLAL JAIN: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether all the stadia were ready by the opening day of Commonwealth Games;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any sports officials connected with Commonwealth Games had also taken stock of the stadia before the Games started and the views of those foreign officials after inspecting the sports complex stadium, whether they were satisfied with the stadium; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI PRATIK PRAKASHBAPU PATIL): (a) and (b) All the Competition Venues for 17 disciplines of the Commonwealth Games, 2010 were ready before the opening day of the Games. Details of these Competition Venues are given in the Statement (See below).

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