

Ticket fiasco during CWG

461. SHRI BHARATKUMAR RAUT: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the spectators had throughout the duration of the Commonwealth Games complained of the ticket counters houseful, even though the stadia remained empty all the times;

(b) whether the distribution of tickets were also taken over midway through the Games by the OC Chairperson's Office;

(c) whether there was 'no-ticket' situation for Closing Ceremony for Members of Parliament and they were sent back empty handed from OC Chairperson's Office on the day before the Ceremony; and

(d) whether Government has proposed any enquiry into the ticket-fiasco of Commonwealth Games, if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI PRATIK PRAKASHBAPU PATIL): (a) Non-availability of tickets was mainly in respect of final sessions of some of the popular sports disciplines like Hockey, Tennis, Swimming, Badminton, Wrestling and Boxing, etc.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) No, Sir. Members of Parliament (M.Ps.) were provided with Accreditation Cards and tickets for Opening and Closing Ceremony and seats were reserved for them in the South wing lower tier. The Organizing Committee has reported that a total of 1440 tickets were issued for Closing Ceremony to M.Ps.

(d) A High Level Committee has been constituted to look into all issues relating to the organizing and conduct of the Commonwealth Games, 2010.

Ticket sale during CWG

462. SHRIMATI KUSUM RAI: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the number of tickets of CWG that were printed and the details of the number of tickets sold to spectators along with the number of spectators who watched the games in stadia during the CWG, category and price-band-wise;