

Regarding construction of an International Cricket Stadium in Bihar-laid

SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY (SARAN): There is no international stadium in Bihar. ICC Men's World Cup happened few days ago. IPL happens every year. More than 12.5 crore people of Bihar, especially youth don't get opportunity to enjoy viewing cricket matches in stadiums. They are restricted to their TV and phone screens. States like Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Gujrat which has population of 6 to 7 crores have international stadiums. Telangana with 3.8 crore population has a stadium. Maharashtra which has almost same population as Bihar has two international stadiums: in Mumbai & Pune. Cricket stadiums generate huge resources. World Cup finals happened at Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad. Hotels in Ahmedabad charged above ₹40,000 and some as high as ₹2,40,000 per night. 1 to 1.2 lakh spectators came to watch the match. Tickets were priced from ₹3,000 to ₹24,000. Imagine the resource generated. A cricket stadium in Bihar will also help to boost economy of Bihar. I urge the Government to build one international stadium in Bihar.