

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4554
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NO SCORE ON STADIUM DISPLAY BOARD
ASHOK NAMDEORAO MOHOL

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

- (a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item captioned 'No Score on Stadium display board' appeared in Hindustan Times dated September 3, 2002;
- (b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein;
- (c) whether the SAI has conducted any inquiry and fixed the responsibility in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the action taken against persons responsible?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS (SHRI PON. RADHAKIRISHNAN)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) : The news-item pertains to non-functioning of Score Board, installed at Chattarsal Stadium, the venue for holding preliminary Football matches under the auspices of the 1st Afro Asian Games, which were, earlier scheduled to be held in November 2001. The Electronic Score Board was procured by Sports Authority of India (SAI) and installed there in May/June 2001 by M/s. Computer Maintenance Corporation (a Government of India Undertaking). After appearance of the said news-item in the Press, the matter was taken up with M/s CMC, who informed that on the 14th August 2002, the rain water had seeped into the Board, causing temporary malfunctioning, which was rectified by the manufacturer, the same evening and the Board readied for next day's function. In other words, the Score Board installed at the Chattarsal Stadium has been functional and was successfully utilised, recently, on 14.11.2002 to commemorate the BAL DIVAS.

It is also pertinent to mention here that SAI was only involved in purchase of Score Board and its installation. Other infrastructure facilities to protect the same from rain and heat etc. fall under the jurisdiction of Government of NCT of Delhi.