

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:7
ANSWERED ON:05.07.2004
OLYMPIC TORCH RELAY
Rajendran Shri P.;Yadav Shri Mitrasen

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

- (a) whether a grand Olympic Torch Relay was organised recently in Delhi by the Indian Olympic Association;
- (b) if so, the details of participants;
- (c) whether the Government is aware that leading sports personalities including P.T. Usha and others were ignored; and
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SUNIL DUTT)

(a) to (d) : A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.7 FOR ANSWER ON 5.7.2004 REGARDING OLYMPIC TORCH RELAY ASKED BY SHRI P. RAJENDRAN AND SHRI MITRASEN YADAV

(a) Yes, Sir. The Olympic Torch Relay was organized in Delhi on 10th June, 2004 jointly by the Government of NCT of Delhi and Indian Olympic Association (IOA) along with Coca Cola and Samsung, the international sponsors of Athens Olympic Committee (ATHOC).

(b) A total of 105 torch bearers were allotted in India by ATHOC as follows:-

Indian Olympic Association and City Government - 28; National Olympic Committee (in this case Indian Olympic Association) -2, Coca Cola - 42; Samsung - 25 and ATHOC - 8.

(c) & (d) : The Indian Olympic Association has intimated that its invitees included Arjuna Awardees/eminent sportspersons including Ms. P.T. Usha.