

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3005

ANSWERED ON:16.03.2010

INCIDENT AT FEROZESHAH KOTLA GROUND

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

- (a) whether the Government has sought any report regarding the cricket match between India and Sri Lanka cancelled recently due to non-effective preparation of the cricket pitch at the Ferozeshah Kotla Ground, Delhi ;
- (b) if so, the details thereof ;
- (c) whether the Government has discussed the issue with the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) and the Delhi District Cricket Association ;
- (d) if so, the details thereof ;
- (e) whether the International Cricket Council (ICC) has sought any explanation on this issue ;
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the action taken against the officials found guilty alongwith the corrective measures taken/being taken to avoid such incidents in future ; and
- (g) the total estimated loss on account of cancellation of the match ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI PRATIK PRAKASHBAPU PATIL)

- (a) : No, Madam.
- (b) : Does not arise.
- (c) : No, Madam.
- (d) : Does not arise.
- (e) to (g): The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has informed that the One Day International Cricket match at Ferozeshah Kotla Ground, Delhi between India and Sri Lanka was abandoned after 22-overs because the match officials felt that the wicket was poor.

The International Cricket Council (ICC), sought the explanation of BCCI on the cricket pitch condition of the Ferozeshah Kotla Ground, which was submitted to them. The ICC Committee upheld the decision of the Match Referee to abandon the match and also accepted the assurance from BCCI that necessary corrective action will be taken and no international match would be played at Ferozeshah Kotla Ground till 31.12.2010.

Delhi & District Cricket Association (DDCA) has taken necessary action to rectify the defects. Since Ferozeshah Kotla Ground is one of the venues for the Cricket World Cup 2011, ICC Pitch Consultant will regularly monitor the preparation of the wicket for the World Cup-2011 to be played in February-March, 2011.