

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

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VISITORS DURING COMMONWEALTH GAMES
Panda Shri Prabodh

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

- (a) Whether the Government/Organizing Committee of the Commonwealth Games had made any assessment of the number of participants /visitors from abroad to participate /witness the said Games;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) The actual number of participants/visitors who arrived in the country during the said games;
- (d) Whether there has been any mismatch between the anticipated and the actual number of participants/visitors during the said event; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefore?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): Yes, Madam. It had been assessed that the number of visitors (Indian and Foreigners) during the Commonwealth Games would be about one lakh. OC had estimated that there would be 8000 participants in the Commonwealth Games.
- (c) The actual number of Foreign Tourists Arrivals at Delhi from 1st to 14th October was 75,606. Actual number of participants in the Games was 6572.
- (d) & (e) There has not been any serious mismatch between the anticipated and the actual number of participants/visitors during the said event. However, due to adverse media publicity and terrorist threat number of visitors was less than expected. Some of the participants dropped out from the event because the dates of the event were clashing with their earlier scheduled training and competition programe.