

Title: Requested the Minister of Sports to make a statement regarding Government's decision to boycott the Asian Cricket Championship scheduled to be held in Pakistan.

SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DASMUNSI : Sir, for the last three days I have been trying to draw the attention of the Government to this important issue. I am grateful that you have allowed me today. I have already referred this matter to the Parliamentary Affairs Minister as well as the Minister concerned.

Our distinguished Leader of the House and Prime Minister of India had made clear the perception of the Government vis-à-vis Pakistan as well as cross-border terrorism. Our Party is one with the hon. Prime Minister and the Government to deal with the situation in Kashmir to restore peace. Our Party is one with the Prime Minister and the Government to combat cross-border terrorism. Our Party is one with the Prime Minister and the Government to improve the bilateral relationship between India and Pakistan.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Your notice is on the issue regarding Government's decision to boycott the Asian Cricket Championship.

SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DASMUNSI : I am coming to the point.

I would only like to appeal without interfering with the Government's internal business, as the Prime Minister has made it clear that the people to people relationship between India and Pakistan.....(Interruptions)

क्या आप लोगों को बोलते हुए मैंने टोका है? Should I not speak? Have I interrupted anyone of you? I am not at your mercy. I am speaking with the permission of the Chair.

The hon. Prime Minister has made it clear that the people to people cultural and social relations are very good. I would also say that the Prime Minister is going to get the unqualified credit in the country to host the first Afro-Asian Games involving Africa and Asia, which Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru did for the Asian Games as the first Prime Minister of India. The entire sports fraternity is behind the Prime Minister. It supports him and expresses its solidarity. We all want to ensure its success.

But, in the month of October we are slated to go to Pakistan for the Asian Cricket Championship. Meanwhile I came to know that we are boycotting the games. ...(Interruptions)

श्री लाल मुनी चौबे (बक्सर) : सभापति जी, एक तरफ मौत का खेल हो रहा है और ये क्रिकेट का रोना रो रहे हैं। बिहार में दलित मारे जा रहे हैं और बिहार सरकार सक्षम नहीं है। **â€¦**(व्यवधान)

सभापति महोदय : आपको बाद में बुलाएंगे, आप बैठ जाइये।

SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DASMUNSI : I am proud of the fact that a great son of India in the field of the sports of cricket, Shri Kirti Azad whom I respect very much, is a Member of this House. I appeal to the Government to clarify the position as to, while we are playing football games with Pakistan, why we are boycotting playing cricket with Pakistan. I appeal to the Government to make a statement in this regard.

सभापति महोदय : खेल मंत्री को आपके नोटिस पर रैस्पॉन्ड करने के लिए कहा गया है।

श्री कीर्ति झा आज़ाद : इन्होंने जो कहा है, मैं उसका जवाब देना चाहता हूँ। **â€¦**(व्यवधान)

सभापति महोदय : कन्सर्न्ड मिनिस्टर को आपका नोटिस रैस्पॉन्ड करने के लिए भेज दिया गया है।

श्री कीर्ति झा आज़ाद : एशियन गेम्स का क्रिकेट से क्या सम्बन्ध है? **â€¦**(व्यवधान)

डॉ. संजय पासवान : सभापति महोदय, बिहार में पहले साल में एकाध घटना हुआ करती थी, लेकिन पिछले छः महीने से हर महीने घटनाएं घटने लगी हैं और पिछले सात दिनों में **â€¦**(व्यवधान)

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN): He has already said that it has been sent to the Sports Minister.

श्री कीर्ति झा आज़ाद : एशियन क्रिकेट काउंसिल की कोई अहमियत नहीं है, कहीं पर टैस्ट चैम्पियनशिप नहीं हो रही है। यह सिर्फ यहां पर पैसा कमाने के लिए हो रही है। अगर उनको करनी है तो करें, आप क्यों चिन्ता कर रहे हैं। **â€¦**(व्यवधान)