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Eden Gardens seating capacity reduced

India Blooms News Service

Kolkata, July 26 (IBNS): The world famous Eden Gardens will be shorn of 30,000 seats to 70,000 from its existing capacity of 100,000.

Eden, currently undergoing renovation for ICC World Cup 2011, will host four matches, including India-England and have moulded chairs around the stadium in place of concrete seats, said Cricket Association of Bengal's joint secretary Arun Kumar Mitra.

Officially Eden had 90,000 sitting capacity, but concrete seats having no demarcation and hence could adjust nearly 100,000 people in the stadium.

Addressing a joint news conference with officials of KyaZoonga.com, India's first and largest sports and entertainment ticketing company, Mitra said about 20 per cent sitting capacity will be reduced because of new seating arrangement.

Eden will host India-England match on February 27, 2011, South Africa-Ireland on March 15, Ireland-Netherlands on March 18 and Zimbabwe-Kenya on March 20.

KyaZoonga Chairman and CEO Neetu Bhatia said there was huge response for India-England play since the online booking for ticket began on June 1 last.

She said while India-England's game ticket costs Rs 1500 and 1200, for other matches prices are Rs 1000 and 700 respectively.

She said the online booking could be done through Indian rupee, Bangladesh Taka, Sri Lanka's currency and US dollars by credit card, debit cards and net banking. Once the ticket is booked it could be despatched by courier or be available at the venue as the purchaser wished.

Tickets to all the ICC Cricket World Cup matches being hosted by the CAB are available on the official ICC website iccevents.yahoo.com and iccwc2011.kyazoonga.com.

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