

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VINCENT PALA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) As per the original proposal submitted by the Government of Andhra Pradesh for inclusion of the project in the scheme of national project, the total grant requirement of the project was Rs. 5164 crore for creating irrigation facilities in 291000 hectares. The project was to be completed in 2011-12. However, the project has been rescheduled for completion by 2015-16 by Government of Andhra Pradesh.

(d) No decision on the project has been taken by the Government so far. The project is awaiting clearance of the Advisory Committee of the Ministry of Water Resources on Irrigation, Flood Control and Multipurpose Projects and the Expenditure Finance Committee.

Wi-Fi system at CWG village

2618. SHRI Y.S. CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Wi-Fi system at Commonwealth village never functioned during the Commonwealth Games 2010;

(b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that to tide over the crisis OC had to provide two data cards to each of the CGAs; and

(d) the details of fund earmarked for the purpose and expenditure incurred thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI PRATIK PRAKASHBAPU PATIL): (a) and (b) The Wi-Fi services provided by the vendor were extremely intermittent and finally crashed out.

(c) In order to meet the requirement of the Commonwealth Associations, 145 no. (approx.) of Data Cards were provided to CGAs to cater to the requirement.

(d) 75 no. (approx) of Data Cards from MTNL at the rate of Rs. 3600/- per card and 70 no. (approx) of the data card from TATA Photon at the rate of Rs. 2950/- per card were provided to CGAs to cater to the requirement.

Benefits to medal winners

2619. SARDAR SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has chalked out any scheme of disbursing cash awards, medals and other benefits to sports persons who have won medals in the recently concluded Commonwealth Games, 2010; and