

Need to release funds allotted for Sports Stadium at Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu

SHRI MURASOLI S. (THANJAVUR): Hon. Chairman Sir, Vanakkam. The Union government has sanctioned Rs. 7 Crore for setting up a Synthetic Athletic Track in Annai Sathya Sports Stadium in my Thanjavur constituency. And the first instalment of Rs. 3.5 Crore was released by the Union government to the Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu (SDAT). Many players at international standards were produced from this Stadium.

This Scheme is an important scheme. Our sportspersons are awaiting to undergo training from this Synthetic Athletic Track so as to get themselves well-trained and to achieve Medals in athletics and games at national level. The Union government brought this project at a cost of Rs. 7 Crore during the year 2017. Now there is cost escalation and due to price rise of several materials, the project cost has also gone up and additional funds are required for completion of this synthetic athletic track project.

Therefore, I request you to allocate an additional fund of Rs. 2 Crore, besides the remaining instalment of Rs 3.5 Crore is yet to be released. I also want to say that a Youth Hostel is functional in this Annai Sathya Sports Stadium in Thanjavur. This Hostel was constructed in the year 1985. We have already requested the Union government to look into the maintenance aspect of this Youth Hostel. I therefore urge up on the Union government for allocating additional funds for construction of a new Youth Hostel, besides looking into the proper maintenance of the existing Hostel in Annai Sathya Sports Stadium.

Thank you.