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Government of India
Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports
Department of Sports

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Subject: Revision of the norms of assistance under the Scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations - regarding

The Government has been extending financial assistance to the National Sports Federations (NSFs) for various sports activities including training and participation of Indian sportspersons and teams in international tournaments. The guidelines for Assistance to National Sports Federations (NSFs) were formulated in 2001 vide Order No.6-6/94-SP.III, dated 14.8.2001 with a view to providing financial assistance to the NSFs, recognized by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports. These guidelines also contained various instructions relating to functioning of NSFs, their recognition by the Ministry, good governance practices, anti-doping measures and categorization of sports disciplines, etc. The instructions were revised/amended from time to time. In the year 2011, the Ministry decided to amalgamate all the instructions into one comprehensive Code, viz. National Sports Development Code of India 2011, which came into effect from 31.1.2011.

2. Norms of assistance under the Scheme of Assistance to NSFs were revised vide circular No.8-53/2010-SP.III dated 10.6.2011 and last revised vide circular No. 12-5/203-SP-III dated 4.11.2015. A lot of developments/changes have taken place in the sports sector. Corporate houses are also extending financial support to various sports activities such as holding of international tournaments, training of top athletes, organization of prize money events etc. Various sports activities such as training to promote rural sports, recognized sports, paralympic sports and Olympic sports have been included in Schedule 7 of the Companies Act, 2013. Therefore, NSFs are expected to approach the corporate houses for resources under the CSR and generate resources on their own from corporate houses, sponsors etc., rather than solely depending on the Government for funding.

3. As it is primary responsibility of the NSFs to promote and develop their specific sports disciplines, NSFs have to take all steps for promotion and development including generating funds and resources. The NSFs are required to raise their own resources as well to finance their operations. The financial support available under the Scheme of Assistance to NSFs is only supplemental in nature.

4. Keeping in view the above factors and with a view to catering to the changing needs of sportspersons and the fact that the norms of assistance were last revised in November 2015 and the




assistance available from other Schemes of the Ministry viz., Khelo India Scheme and Human Resource Development Scheme, it has been decided to revise the norms for extending assistance under the Scheme of Assistance to NSFs as follows:

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1	National Championships	<p>A: High Priority, Priority and Indian Traditional Sports disciplines National Championship Norms (Rs. 51.00 Lakh (Rs. 17 lakh each for Senior, Junior and Sub-junior categories).</p> <p>B. General disciplines – Rs. 30 lakh (Rs. 10 lakh each for Senior, Junior and Sub-junior categories) (Erstwhile category of 'Others' will henceforth be known as 'General').</p> <p>C: For NSFs who are dealing with persons with disabilities, i.e., PCI, AISCD, SOB and some Para-sports disciplines being looked after by able-bodied NSFs, Rs. 15 lakh for conduct of National Championship for each discipline in all categories.</p> <p>2. 75% -100% participation of the affiliated units, full grant admissible.</p> <p>50% - 75% participation of the affiliated units, scale of assistance will be reduced by 25%.</p> <p>Less than 50% of the affiliated units participate, no grant shall be provided.</p> <p>This condition would apply for Men and Women separately.</p> <p>3. For Championship for Men & Women separately, only 50% of the admissible grant will be sanctioned for each category.</p> <p>4. The assistance indicated above shall be utilized for provision of Boarding & Lodging, Hiring of FOP/Equipment, Payment of Technical Officials and Prize Money.</p> <p>5. For this purpose assistance up to Rs. 2000/- per head per day for 'A' class cities and up to Rs. 1000/- per head per day at other venues will be admissible.</p>



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		Categorization of Sports Disciplines: Categorization of sports disciplines will be as per the instructions issued by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports from time to time.
2	Number of core probable for major international events	The norm of 1:3 or 1:4. Cases of additions beyond the norms, where considered necessary, would be approved by DG, SAI.
3	Total number of camp days	For High Priority disciplines, a limit of 300 days per discipline in a year. For Priority disciplines and Indian Traditional Sports, following norms will be applicable: Senior – 90 days; Junior - 60 days; Sub Junior - 60 days
4	Travel from place of stay to camp/ competition & back	For all categories i.e., Senior, Junior and Sub Juniors player, their coaches and other sports- persons:- By Air (restricted to economy class) provided the Journey is 500 Kms. /10 hrs. else restricted to AC II Train fare; Further, for coaching camp/ competition organized in the North Eastern Region, North East and Ladakh, J&K Andaman Nicobar, Lakshadweep island economy class air fare may be given to all categories of athletes and officials including coaches and support personnel Certification of travel from the Federation along with the utilization certificate duly certified by CAG empanelled C.A, for the funds released to the NSF for travel. Booking of Air Tickets will be done through three Authorized Travel Agents viz. i) M/s Balmer Lawrie & Company Limited (BLCL), ii) M/s Ashok Travels & Tours (ATT) and iii) Indian Railways Catering and Tourism Corporation Ltd. (IRCTC), in terms of the Department of Expenditure's OM No. 19024/03/2021-E.IV dated 31.12.2021.
5	Boarding & lodging etc. for camps	The following rates shall be applicable both to SAI and permitted non SAI centres for Seniors, Juniors and sub-Juniors: In 'X'&'Y' category cities notified by Deptt. Of Expenditure: Rs. 1500/- per person per day. Rest of India: Rs. 1200/- per person per day.

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		<p>Transportation and Maintenance charges will be admissible as follows:</p> <p>(i) Local transportation from place of stay to training venue and back on need basis as per actual by public transport or shared taxis.</p> <p>(ii) Fuel and Maintenance charges for the boats, motorcycles escort vehicles etc. used by the coaches for training purposes on need basis as per actual.</p> <p>Diet Charges:</p> <p>Diet as per requirement will be provided subject to following limits:</p> <p>(i) Up to Rs. 690/- per athlete per day for Senior sportspersons.</p> <p>(ii) Up to Rs. 480/- per athlete per day for Juniors and Sub-Juniors sportspersons.</p> <p>Additional Diet Allowances:</p> <p>Additional Diet Allowances will be allowed for certain sports disciplines where it is felt that the Diet Charges are not sufficient to meet the energy requirements of the athletes for heavy and middle weight power events endurance, sprints, low weight power events, and skill events, subject to following limits:</p> <p>(i) Up to Rs. 750 per athlete per day for heavy and middle weight power event.</p> <p>(ii) Up to Rs. 430 per athlete per days for endurance, team, sprints and low weight power events.</p> <p>(iii) Up to Rs. 320/- per athlete per day for skill events</p> <p>The above additional diet allowances are for senior category athletes. For Junior category athletes will be at least 25% less. There will not be any additional diet allowance for Sub-Junior athletes.</p> <p>Diet and additional diet should be wholesome diet consisting of cereals, legumes, pulses, fresh fruits, milk and milk products, dry fruits/nuts, eggs, meat, which should be based on guidance/recommendations of experts/ nutritionists.</p>
6	Field of play charges for camps:	<p>(a) Multipurpose Hall up to Rs. 10,000/- per day</p> <p>(b) Outdoor facility up to Rs. 5000/- per day</p>



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7	Sports kit for campers:	<p>(a) General Sports training Kit (Like track suits, T-Shirts, Shorts, Warm up shoes etc): Rs. 20,000/- per athlete once a year for National campers.</p> <p>(b) Discipline specific competition Kit Spikes, Hockey Goalkeeper Kit, Specific Shoes, Belts etc. considered under the consumable equipment category will be provided as per Sports specific requirements approved under ACTC/LTDP.</p>
8	Medical Insurance for campers:	<p>(a) Medical insurance policy- Rs. 5.00 lakh.</p> <p>(b) Personal accident policy (Disability/ Death) - Rs. 25.00 Lakh.</p> <p>Specialized treatment of active elite sports persons (who have represented India in International competitions Namely Asian Games, CWG, Asian Championship, CW Championship, World cups and World Championships or equivalent to any of these) on case to case basis as per approval of Govt. of India</p>
9	International tournaments held in India	<p>NSFs seeking to host international tournaments in India will be eligible for assistance per tournament as given below within the overall allocation made under approved ACTC:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Upto Rs. 1.00 Crore - For Asian Championship, World Championship, World Cup and other major Competitions. At least 12 countries and 120 athletes must participate in the tournament. 2. Upto Rs. 60.00 Lakh - At least 10 countries and 100 athletes must participate in the tournament. 3. Upto Rs. 40.00 Lakh – Less than 10 countries and 100 athletes participating in the tournament. <p>The assistance can be utilized for any or all of the following item:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) Boarding, lodging & transportation. ii) Rent of playfields iii) Cost of consumable equipment. iv) Certificates, medals and awards. v) Prize money vi) Payment of remuneration and travel to Technical Officials/Referees/ Umpire/Jury vii) Hosting / competition sanction fee



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		<p>viii) Uniform for technical officials/ referees/ Umpire/Jury ix) Dope testing and any other statutory expenses x) Event insurance</p> <p>Boarding & Lodging facilities for Indian Athletes and support personnel will be provided at par with other international athletes and support personnel. Expenses incurred on this account will be in addition to the grant to be given for hosting the tournament in India, as these expenses would have been incurred in any case, had the tournament would have been held abroad.</p> <p>The application for financial assistance in prescribed format will have to be submitted at least three months before the date of the championship along-with details indicating the number of countries, players and officials expected to participate in the event.</p>
10	Limit on number of days for training & competition abroad	Limit of 90 days in a year. Higher ceiling may be allowed in respect of specific sports disciplines with the approval of the Secretary (Sports).
11	Air travel for foreign training / competition exposures	<p>Excursion/ Economy air fare from residence/ camp to the destinations as per the extant instructions.</p> <p>Airport tax, Visa/ Medical Insurance/ other taxes/ fees/ Extra Baggage Charge of essential nature as per actuals.</p> <p>Local transport to be given if not provided by the organizers.</p> <p>Booking of Air Tickets will be done through three Authorized Travel Agents viz. i) M/s Balmer Lawrie & Company Limited (BLCL), ii) M/s Ashok Travels & Tours (ATT) and iii) Indian Railways Catering and Tourism Corporation Ltd. (IRCTC), in terms of the Department of Expenditure's OM No. 19024/03/2021-E.IV dated 31.12.2021.</p>
12	Deputation of referees/ judges/ umpires/Technical officials for competitions abroad	<p>Manager(s)/ Technical Officials to be part of the contingent and the same will be decided in the ACTC.</p> <p>Managers, who fulfil the following criteria, will be allowed accompany Indian teams as Managers, and will be treated as part of the contingent:</p>



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		Essential Criteria: - Qualified Coach or Technical Official or Former International Player - Experience in managing teams in National Competitions. - Fluent in English language Desirable criteria: - At least 5 years of coaching/officiating experience - Sports administrative experience - Experience in managing teams in International Competitions
13	Boarding & lodging entitlement abroad	Admissible out of pocket allowance: i) USD 50 per day for Olympic Games/Asian Games/ CWG/ World Cup/ World Championships ii) USD 25 per day for all other international events including South Asian Games. Admissible boarding & lodging charges for all members of the contingent approved at full cost to the Government for approved number of days of training /competition plus two days before and one day after (excluding journey time). In deserving cases, additional number of days may be allowed before an event depending on factors like nature of sports discipline and importance of the event with the approval of Secretary (Sports). a) When NSF is making its own arrangements: Ceiling of USD 150 per person per day for boarding & lodging. b) When the organizer is making arrangement for boarding & lodging on payment: Rates indicated for twin sharing accommodation in the brochure issued by the organizers to be allowed for boarding& lodging subject to ceiling of 150/USD per day per person.
14	Ceremonial Dress and Kit Charges for multi-sports events	(i) As per actuals subject to ceiling of Rs. 40,000 for ceremonial dress and Sports Kit (Like track suits, T-Shirts, Shorts, Warm up shoes etc) for Olympics, Para-Olympics, Deaflympics, Asian Games, Commonwealth Games, Para-Asian Games (ii) As per actuals subject to ceiling of Rs. 25,000 for ceremonial dress and Sports Kit (Like track suits, T-Shirts, Shorts, Warm up shoes etc) for Youth Olympics, Youth, Para-Olympics, Youth Deaflympics, Youth Asian Games, Youth Commonwealth Games, Youth Para-Asian Games
15	Cost of	For hiring of equipment locally, actual amount required may be given



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	transportation, hiring of equipment, infrastructure, consumables:	<p>as advance.</p> <p>Cost towards hiring of horses along with their diet, boats/ yachts etc. to be reimbursed.</p> <p>Any expenditure not specifically approved in ACTC which is expedient in nature to be reimbursed by SAI within ceiling of 10% of approved ACTC budget (out of contingencies).</p>
17	15. Support Personnel	<p>Remuneration for Support personnel like Masseurs, Sports Science experts, doctors etc. to be hired/ appointed by SAI as per requirement, as per following limits:</p> <p>i) Sports Medicine Doctors: Upto Rs. 2,00,000 (full time per month basis), Rs. 8000 (Part time per visit basis); Other Doctors upto 2,00,000 Per Month (full time basis), Rs 8,000 (part time per visit basis)</p> <p>ii) Head Physiotherapist: Upto Rs. 2,00,000 (full time per month basis), Rs. 8000 (Part time per visit basis); Other physiotherapists upto Rs 1,50,000 Per Month Rs 5,000 (part time per visit)</p> <p>iii) Physiologist: Upto Rs. 1,00,000 (full time per month basis), Rs. 4000 (Part time per visit basis)</p> <p>iv) Psychologist: Upto Rs. 1,00,000 (full time per month basis), Rs. 4000 (Part time per visit basis)</p> <p>v) Video Analyst: Upto Rs. 100,000 (full time per month basis), Rs. 4000 (Part time per visit basis)</p> <p>vi) Nutritionist/ Dieticians: Upto Rs. 1,00,000 (full time per month basis), Rs. 4000 (Part time per visit basis)</p> <p>vii) Head Masseur: Upto Rs. 1,00,000 (full time per month basis), Rs. 4000 (Part time per visit basis)</p> <p>viii) Escorts: Rs. 15,000 (full time per month basis), Rs. 500 (Part time per visit basis)</p> <p>ix) Head Strength & Conditioning :Upto Rs 2,00,000 (full time per month), Rs 8,000 (Part time per visit basis); other Strength Conditioning expert per Rs 1,00,000 per Month (Full time basis) Rs</p>



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		<p>4,000 (part time basis)</p> <p>Any other supports staff required other than above prescribed support staffs may be decided in the ACTC. Higher salary may be allowed in truly deserving cases after following due procedure with the approval of the Union Minister In-Charge of Sports.</p> <p>Norms for appointment will be decided by SAI. The NSFs to hire on their own through a due process and consider the educational qualifications, experience, and domain knowledge.</p> <p>Federation may enter into agreement once names are approved by SAI. Funds to be provided to NSF for payment of salary etc. Other incidental charges to be projected in ACTC.</p>
18	Foreign coaches and high performance specialist coaches and experts	<p>The NSFs will be allowed to hire foreign experts on their own within the ACTC allocation. However, each NSF will be mandated to create the Key Result Areas for the coaches hired in consultation with SAI. The monitoring will be done through an annual review of the KRA's and key decisions regarding extension of contract or award of bonus will be based on the review. NSF will ensure that there is a SAI nominee in the selection Committee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Funds to be provided to NSFs. Owing to certain requirement flexibility to hire expert on short term basis be permitted to NSF. ➤ This should include hiring of experts/sports scientists/analysts apart from foreign coaches ➤ The upper cap for salaries needs to be fixed but actual remuneration should always follow the Ministry guidelines and consider the following criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Demand-supply scenario of international coaches - Prevailing market rates in comparable cases - Qualifications and experience of the proposed expert - Last pay drawn <p>It is to be noted that the salary can vary across disciplines depending on the demand-supply scenario in that sport.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Insurance for Foreign Coaches: Rs. 10 Lakh ➤ Policy of Bonus: A system of providing bonus will act as a driving force and further motivates the coaches in training of athletes. This should be based on review of KRA and the amount payable would be max 20% of annual salary received by the



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		<p>coach.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Salary approved for a foreign coach needs to be the gross salary inclusive of tax components and not net of taxes. The scale of remuneration be constantly reviewed with every Olympic cycle. ➤ The budget for the foreign coaches will be capped to 30% of the overall approved budget of the NSF. <p>NSFs must follow the principle of “Atmanirbharta” in the field of coaching and encourage and train the talent available in India to attain the World level which will enable them to take control of coaching of Indian teams.</p> <p>At least 5 Indian coaches should remain with the foreign coach during his / her coaching assignment so that Indian coaches are also groomed and dependence on foreign coaches should reduce.</p>
19	Chief/ National High Specialist Coach	<p>Chief National Coach/National High Specialist Coach: Remuneration upto Rs.3.00 Lakh.</p> <p>The salary of coaches should be commensurate to the level under which they are recruited. In case any coach is employed for more than 200 days, a yearly contract will be put in place.</p> <p>Higher salary may be allowed in truly deserving cases after following due procedure with the approval of the Union Minister In-Charge of Sports.</p> <p>In case of an employed coach in PSU, Railways or other organizations (Public/Private) is attached to a National Camp, then it may be treated as National Duty and an amount of Rs.50,000/- per month will be given as the attachment of the coach causes disturbance to the family although the pay is protected.</p>
20	Other coaches:	<p>Remuneration of other coaches upto Rs. 2,00,000/-.</p> <p>The salary of coaches should be commensurate to the level under which they are recruited. In case any coach is employed for more than 200 days, a yearly contract will be put in place.</p> <p>Higher salary may be allowed in truly deserving cases after following due procedure with the approval of the Union Minister In-Charge of Sports.</p> <p>In case of an employed coach in PSU, Railways or other organizations (Public/Private) is attached to a National Camp, then it may be treated as National Duty and an amount of Rs. 50,000/- per month will be</p>



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		given as the attachment of the coach causes disturbance to the family although the pay is protected.
21	Training of sports scientists, coaches and support personnel	Funds may be availed by NSFs from Khelo India Scheme/Human Resource Development in Sports (HRDS) Scheme.
22	Expenditure on dope control	Funds will be released direct to NADA for sample collection and to NDTL for sample testing. This will be counted towards the total grant given to individual NSFs under the Scheme.
23	Purchase of equipment:	Funds for procurement of consumable & Non consumable equipments including AMC will be released to the NSF. On request, advance may be provided to the NSFs. Provisions of General Financial Rules (GFR) to be followed for procurement. NSF will be required to submit Utilization Certificate duly certified by CAG empanelled C.A.
24	Cultural Exchange	Subject to availability of funds, NSF may be assisted for meeting expenses on local hospitality of foreign teams visiting India under cultural exchange programme on quid pro-quo basis excluding SAARC countries. The condition of quid pro-quo basis may be relaxed in case of Indian traditional Sports.
25.	Administrative support	Upto 3% of the budget under the scheme may be spent on hiring of professionals qualified in the field of sports for administrative purposes by NSFs. Administrative expenditure such as appointment of office staff, Managers for the camp etc will be projected in ACTC as without adequate human resources, it is not possible to do justice to the athletes. This will be considered as part of the ACTC.
26	Administrative & legal Expenses	For operation of the Scheme of Assistance to NSFs and optimum utilization of the resources under this scheme, the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports may have to seek professional advice. It also spends some amount towards legal expenses to defend various court cases, creating awareness, etc. For such purposes, expenses can be incurred up to 2% of the annual budget under the scheme
27	Evaluation of athletes' performance from sports science point of view	Requirement to be projected in the ACTC. It is essential for the National level Athlete to be tested periodically for medical condition, fitness level, biomechanics and other sports science tests specially before proceeding for major events for which Rs. 2500 per athlete will be provided. Any other additional expenses will be projected in the ACTC budget.

5. All NSFs availing assistance under the Scheme must clearly reflect the logo of the MYAS/SAI at all prominent locations including digital platforms, apparels of the sportspersons. Any

Guidelines, issued by the Ministry/SAI, with regard to branding for the assistance received from the Ministry/SAI, shall be followed by NSFs.

6. NSFs should prominently display the funding received from the Government as well from other sources on their website as well as the Social Media platforms.

7. All other provisions under the Guidelines of Assistance to NSFs, such as category of sports disciplines, entitlement limits, etc. shall be governed by the instructions issued by the Ministry from time to time. Availability of assistance or otherwise under a specific component of this Scheme to a particular NSF will depend on factors like its entitlement as per its category (High Priority, Priority, Indian Traditional Sports, General), its current performance, availability of resources under the Scheme and assessment of its functioning.

8. Provisions of the Scheme can be relaxed/revised in consultation with IFD and with the approval of the Union Minister in-charge of Sports provided the basic nature and scope of the relevant provisions of the scheme are not altered and provided the relaxation/ revision does not require changes in budgetary allocation of the scheme.

9. In case any clarification is required on any provision of or any matter relating to implementation of the scheme, the same will be referred to the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India, whose decision in the matter shall be final.

10. This issues with the approval of Hon'ble Minister for Youth Affairs & Sports and comes into force from the date of issue of this order.

Yours faithfully,




(S.P.S Tomar)

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1. PS to Minister (YA&S)
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10. President and Secretary General, Indian Olympic Association
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