

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA
AND
THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, SOCIAL AFFAIRS AND
SPORTS
OF THE GOVERNMENT OF SEYCHELLES
ON COOPERATION
IN THE FIELD OF SPORTS AND YOUTH AFFAIRS

The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports of the Government of the Republic of India and the Ministry of Community Development, Social Affairs & Sports of the Government of the Republic of Seychelles, hereinafter referred to individually as a "Party" and collectively as "The Parties";

DESIRING to promote and strengthen existing bilateral friendly and cooperative relations between them in the field of Sports and Youth Affairs;

SEEKING to encourage and develop their amicable relationship through the exchange of programmes aimed at sportsmen and related personnel and youth for mutual benefit;

HAVE REACHED the following understanding:

ARTICLE I

GENERAL OBJECTIVES

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) shall provide the necessary framework for cooperation between the Parties in the field of sports research, development and excellence and youth affairs on the basis of reciprocity and mutual benefit.



ARTICLE II

FIELDS OF COOPERATION

In order to fulfill the aforesaid objectives, the Parties will encourage and promote the exchange of programmes, experiences, skills, techniques, information, documentation and knowledge within the following fields of cooperation in sports and youth affairs :

- a) exchange of youth/junior sports teams in various disciplines including Hockey, Cricket, Volleyball and Badminton, golf and football;
- b) exchange of officials;
- c) training and research in sciences applied to sports;
- d) exchange and training in the fields of technology, infrastructure, doping, information related to sports, its documentation programme;
- e) youth exchange programme to get acquainted with the youth policies, youth development programmes and youth organizations; and
- f) all other fields and matters deemed necessary and agreed upon for their mutual benefit within the framework of this MOU.

ARTICLE III

FORMS OF COOPERATION

The cooperation within the framework of this MOU shall include:

- a) exchange of experts, officials, coaches and teams of various disciplines including hockey, cricket, volleyball, badminton, golf and football;
- b) exchange of material for the development of sport programmes;
- c) cooperation in the field of research and science applied to sports;
- d) interaction through meetings, conferences and symposia;
- e) exchange of sports documents and literature; and
- f) exchange of youth delegations comprising of 10 to 20 youth and representatives of youth organizations for a period of 5 to 7 days to get acquainted with youth organizations and youth development programmes.

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ARTICLE IV

FINANCING

The exchange of sports delegations, teams, coaches, officials and youth delegations shall be carried out in accordance with an annual schedule that shall be agreed upon by the Parties. The host Party shall pay for accommodation, subsistence, internal transport during the stay of the visiting delegations/teams in the territory of the host Party. The visiting Party shall pay the return air tickets to and from the place determined by the host Party. In the case of travel in furtherance of the interests of only one of the Parties, such Party shall pay all costs.

In case of any major illness during the visit of the players or other members from either side, expenditure on medical treatment shall be borne by the sending Party.

ARTICLE V

IMPLEMENTATION

The Parties shall agree on the implementation and development of schedules within the framework of this MOU through meetings, mail and other means. Each Party shall be responsible for coordinating the implementation of the parts of the schedule concerning such Party. The Parties shall sign the schedules in the last quarter of the year prior to its implementation.

ARTICLE VI

AMENDMENTS

This MOU may be amended at any time through mutual written consent of the Parties.

ARTICLE VII

DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Any dispute arising in connection with the interpretation or application of this MOU shall be amicably settled through consultations or negotiations between the Parties.



ARTICLE VIII

ENTRY INTO FORCE, VALIDITY AND TERMINATION

This MOU shall enter into force on the date of signature and shall remain valid unless terminated. Either Party may terminate this MOU at any time by giving a notice of six months to the other Party of its intention to terminate this MOU. The programme undertaken during the validity of this MOU shall continue to be governed by its provisions till their completion.

Done at Victoria, Seychelles, on 30th April 2012 in two originals, each in the English and Hindi languages, both texts being equally authentic and valid. In case of divergence in interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

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