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To

Director General, Sports Authority of India.
Principal Secretary / Secretary in charge of sports of States/UTs.
Secretary of Sports Authority / Sports Council of States / UTs.


Sir / Madam,

The undersigned is directed to state that the Khelo India – National Programme for Development of Sports Scheme has been circulated to all Stakeholders vide this Ministry’s letter No. 29-1/MYAS/MDSD/2017 dated 16th October, 2017.

2. One of the twelve components of the Khelo India Scheme is “Promotion of Sports among persons with disabilities”. Operational Guidelines in this regard are enclosed for information and appropriate action.

Yours faithfully,

Encl: As above.

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Operational Guidelines

For

Promotion of Sports Among Persons With Disabilities
1. **Introduction:**

1.1 The revamped Khelo India Scheme notified vide the Gazette of India dated 09.10.2017, inter-alia, aims to encourage and promote sports among the persons with disabilities from the grass root level. Government has already taken various steps to promote sports among the persons with disabilities. Government has recognized the following sports bodies engaged in the promotion of sports among the disabled, as National Sports Federation:-

1.1.1. Para Olympics Committee of India (PCI) for physically disabled person

1.1.2 Special Olympics Bharat (SOB) for Mentally challenged person

1.1.3. All India Sports Council of Deaf (AISCD) for Deaf and Dumb

**1.2 Vision:**

To supplement the various efforts of the Government and to provide a platform for the persons with disabilities, the talented sports persons in the following three categories of disabilities will be identified and provided with regular scientific training at par with international standard to nurture their sports specific talent to excel at National and International Level Competitions.

**1.3. Components to be implemented under this vertical:**

1.3.1. Creation of specialized sports infrastructure for person with disabilities, classification of players and equipment support.

1.3.2. Establishment of training centers for athletes with disabilities & training of Indian classifiers.

1.3.3. Scholarships for coaching diploma both by differently abled athletes and able-bodied persons seeking coaching for training of athletes with disabilities & coaching development.

1.3.4. Support for sports competitions for athletes with disabilities and preparation of teams for participation in such competitions including the Paralympics.

**1.4 Disciplines to be covered:**

To be decided by the Government in the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports from time to time in consultation with stakeholders.
1.5 Funding:

1.5.1. An indicative annual grant of Rs.15 crore will be utilized for components mentioned in para 1.3 above.

1.6 Sports activities for Athletes with disabilities

1.6.1. The mandate for holding of National/International Sports Competition shall lie with the respective National Sports Federation/bodies.

1.6.2. Paralympic Committee of India (PCI) will hold training & competition for athletes in respect of the sports disciplines controlled by it.

1.6.3. Special Olympics Bharat (SOB) will hold training/coaching and competition for mentally challenged athletes in respect of the sports disciplines controlled by it.

1.6.4. All India sports Council of Deaf (AISCD) will hold competition for Deaf and Dumb athletes in respect of the sports disciplines controlled by it.

1.6.5. Funding for similar activities by other organizations which are engaged in promotion of sports among the disabled, can also be considered and granted by MYAS.

1.6.6. Funding for National coaching Camps/competitions will be decided in consultation with the respective sports federations.

1.6.7. Funds required for making stadia disabled friendly / barrier free will also be accessed from Scheme for Implementation of Persons with Disabilities Act (SIPDA) of Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities.

1.7 Approval mechanism and release of funds.

1.7.1. The proposal received under this vertical of the Khelo India Scheme will be chaired and approved by an apex committee constituted under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Sports) to be notified by Department of Sports. The committee will also oversee the implementation of the vertical.

1.8 Implementing agency:

This component will be implemented through SAI/ Paralympic Committee of India (PCI), Special Olympic Bharat (SOB) and All India
Sports Council of Deaf (AISCD)/State/UTs and other agencies involved in development of Sports among persons with disabilities in association with the beneficiary organizations.

1.9 Monitoring:

The implementing agency will submit quarterly report of activities undertaken under this vertical. Subsequent funds will only be released on receipt UCs & reports.