

F.No.9-20/2014-SP-I
Government of India
Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports
(Department of Sports)

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi-110001
Dated the 21st December, 2016

To

The Secretary General,
Indian Olympic Association

The Secretary General
All recognized National Sports Federation.

Sub:- Matter relating to Yoga as a sports discipline - regarding.

Sir/Madam,

Vide this office letter No.12-5/2014-S-III dated 01-09-2015 it was informed that 'Yoga' has been recognized as a sports discipline. Since grant of recognition it was brought to notice of the Department that it may not be feasible to hold competitions in Yoga. The matter was reviewed in a meeting chaired by Hon'ble MOS (I/C) YAS where the officers from this Ministry, Ministry of AYUSH and Deptt. of Personnel & Training were present. After elaborate discussion, it was concluded that Yoga has various dimensions/arms in which competitions are not possible. Hence, it was agreed that Yoga cannot be termed as a sport. Consequently, it may not be appropriate to recognize any organization as NSF for Yoga. It was also agreed that the entire matter relating to Yoga will continue to be handled by Ministry of AYUSH.

2. This issues with the approval of Hon'ble MOS (I/C) YAS and shall come into force with immediate effect.

Yours faithfully,



(A.K. Patro)

Under Secretary to the Govt. of India
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1. PS to MOS (I/C) YAS.
2. PPS to Secretary (Sports) MYAS.
3. PS to DG, Sports Authority of India, Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003.
4. PS to Secretary, AYUSH
5. PS to Sh. P.N. Ranjit Kumar, JS (AYUSH)
6. Dr. Ishwara N. Acharya, DG (CCRYN)
7. Sh. Sandeep Jain, Director (DOPT)
8. PS to Joint Secretary (Sports) MYAS
9. US (SP-IV), US (SP-V), US (SP-VI)
10. SO (SP-I,II,III,IV,V,VI)
11. Executive Director (Teams), Sports Authority of India.
12. NIC, for placing it on the website of the Ministry
13. Shri Alok Deshwal, DPIO for taking necessary action
14. File No. 12-5/2014-SP-III