OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: - Minutes of the 1st Meeting of the Organizing Committee (OC) of Himalayan Region Games (HRG) held on 02.02.2017 at 3.00 PM.

The undersigned is directed to enclose herewith approved Minutes of 1st Meeting of the Organizing Committee (OC) of Himalayan Region Games (HRG) held on 02nd February, 2017 at 1500 hrs under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Sports), Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, to discuss the details and modalities for organization of 1st Himalayan Region Sports Festival (HRSF) for information and further appropriate action.

Encl: as above.

(A.K.Singh)
Under Secretary to the Govt. of India
Tel No. 011-24361823

To

(i) Shri N. Ramachandran, President, Indian Olympic Association, New Delhi.
(ii) Shri Rajeev Mehta, Secretary General, Indian Olympic Association, New Delhi.
(iii) Shri D.R. Choudhary, Secretary General, Table Tennis Federation of India & Chairman GTCC
(iv) Additional Secretary and Financial Advisor, MYAS, New Delhi.
(v) Joint Secretary (Development), MYAS New Delhi.
(vi) Commissioner and Secretary, Department of Sports, Government of Assam, Guwahati (Assam).
(vii) Secretary, Department of Sports, Government of Assam, Guwahati.
(viii) Regional Director, SAI Regional Centre Guwahati.
(ix) Sh. Adile J. Sumariwalla President, Athletic Federation of India, WZ-72, Todapur, Main Road, Deve Prakash Shastri Marg, New Delhi-110012
(x) Shri Ajay Singh, President, Boxing Federation of India, 319 Udyog Vihar, Phase-IV, Gurgaon, Haryana.
(xi) Sh. Durga Das Boro, President, Fencing Association of India, H. No. 4, Rangpura Path, Kabilipara, Guwahati-781019.
(xii) Sh. Prafull Patel, President, All India Football Federation, Football House, Sector-19, Phase-I, Dwarka, New Delhi-110075
(xiii) Shri Debendranath Sarangi, President, Squash Racket Federation of India, Khivraj Complex-II, 2nd Floor No.480, Anna Salai, Nandanam, Chennai – 600035.
(xiv) Shri Birendra Prasad Baishya, President, Indian Weightlifting Federation, 54, South Avenue, New Delhi – 110001.
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i. ED (Teams) SAI
ii. PS to Secretary (Sports), MYAS, New Delhi
iii. PS to JS (Development), MYAS, New Delhi.
iv. PS to Director (YK), MYAS, New Delhi

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Copy also for information to:-

i. PS to Hon’ble MOS (I/C) YAS, MYAS, New Delhi

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Minutes of the 1st Meeting of the Organizing Committee (OC) of Himalayan Region Games (HRG) held in the Office of Secretary (Sports) Room No. 3, C-Wing, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi on 02.02.2017 at 3.00 PM.

Secretary (Sports) chaired the meeting.

2. List of participants is annexed.

3. At the outset, Secretary (Sports) welcomed all the participants. Thereafter, he briefed the participants about background of the proposed event. He informed that initially, it was decided to conduct the events as a goodwill games in the Region with a view to providing an opportunity to the Himalayan States to hold competitions of international character and spread sporting culture in the region. He stated that with a view to promoting excellence in sports it was important that this event is conducted in the format of formal Competition Games by involving NOCs. He further desired that the event should be organized in a very professional & economical manner. Accordingly, though the original format comprised a domestic leg between the Himalayan States of India and an International leg between Team India (from Himalayan States) as an annual event, it is felt that only international leg may be retained and this event may be held biennially. As successfully experimented in the 2016 SAG, the Organizing Committee may be represented by Government of India, State Government, Indian Olympic Association (IOA) and National Sports Federations (NSFs) of the concerned sports disciplines. As regards conduct of the Games, the Government of India, in the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, and Govt. of Assam will deal with the administrative and financial aspects of the Games, including according necessary approvals/sanctions whereas the responsibility of Technical Conduct of the games will rest with the IOA and participating NSFs subject to the overall guidance of the General Council.

4. Decision to hold the Games in Guwahati was to take advantage of the legacy infrastructure created under the 12th South Asian Games, 2016, as far as possible, to reduce expenditure. Secretary (Sports) also informed that he too recently visited all the venues, which are in readiness for the competition and may require very little augmentation for conduct of this event. He requested the participants to give their opinion whether there is a merit in organizing this Game in a Games format with only international leg biennially. The OC unanimously agreed that the HRG should be organized by India once in two years as an international event only.

5. Thereafter, Agenda items were discussed one by one and the following decisions were taken:-

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<td>1</td>
<td>Finalization of format of Games and its nomenclature</td>
<td>This event may be rechristened as Himalayan Region Games (HRG), instead of Himalayan Region Sports Festival (HRSF) and may be held once in two years.</td>
<td>Department of Sports (Mission Directorate – Sports Development)</td>
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<td>Finalization of the dates for the event and venues for training and competitions.</td>
<td>The event may be held between 21st and 30th April, 2017. Final dates will be decided in</td>
<td>Shri Dhanraj Choudhary, Chairman</td>
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<td>consultation with State Government, after the venues are inspected by Games Technical Conduct Committee (GTCC). It was decided that GTCC will visit Guwahati between 8th -9th April, 2017 and after inspection of the venues, give its recommendations regarding readiness of the venues and requirement of overlays.</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>Setting up of Games Secretariat and hiring the services of staff.</td>
<td>Interim Secretariat (Lt. General Rajiv Bhalla)</td>
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<td>i. The proposal was approved in principle with total strength of 40, as proposed in the agenda.</td>
<td>Department of Sports</td>
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<td>ii. Till such time, the HRG Games Secretariat becomes functional, the existing BRICS Secretariat will function as the interim Secretariat and will look after the entire work relating to HRG.</td>
<td>Govt. of Assam</td>
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<td>iii. The personnel to be employed in the Games Secretariat may be identified by the interim Secretariat from amongst those who were engaged during 2016 SAG and a proposal may be forwarded to the Ministry for consideration within two days.</td>
<td>SAI, NERC</td>
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<td>iv. Chief Executive officer of the Games Secretariat will be appointed by Government of India, MYAS. Secretary, Department of Sports Assam will be Additional CEO and Director (Sports) Assam and Regional Director (SAI ERC), Guwahati, will be Joint CEOs in the Secretariat</td>
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<td>v. The Games Secretariat may be housed in Md. Tayabullah Hockey Stadium, Guwahati</td>
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<td>vi. SAI Regional Centre,</td>
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| 4 | Constitution of Games Technical Conduct Committee (GTCC) and other sub committees | Guwahati will provide necessary support whenever required.  
GTCC Shall be constituted by IOA under the Chairmanship of Shri Dhanraj Choudhary, who has been nominated by President, IOA, Assam Olympic Associations and States Sports Associations may be given due representation in the GTCC and Competitions Managers may also be engaged from concerned federations. | Secretary General, IOA and Shri Dhanraj Choudhary, Chairman GTCC |
| 5 | Finalization of the events/weight categories in respect of individual events in the sports disciplines identified for the event. | i. Chairman GTCC in consultation with concerned National Sports Federations may recommend the Sports disciplines & medal events in which the competitions will be held and events/weight categories in respect of individual events in the sports disciplines identified for the Games within next three days. While deciding the events, it may be kept in view that total number of Athletes may be kept within 800  
ii. GTCC will also workout the requirement of Foreign Technical Officials and National Technical Officials. | Shri Dhanraj Choudhary, Chairman GTCC |
| 6 | Finalization of logo, mascot and design of medals, trophy and other memorabilia items. | The proposal was approved with the suggestion that due to paucity of time, logo, mascot and design of medals, trophy and other memorabilia items may be got prepared through SAI empanelled agencies after following due procedure and agency which was engaged for SAG may also be included as one of the prospective vendors. | JS (Dev.) Interim Secretariat (Lt. General Rajiv Bhalla) |
| 7 | Approval of Budget Estimates for the event. | The indicative budget estimates were approved in-principle subject to availability of | JS (Dev.) Interim Secretariat |
resources & sharing of expenditure between MYAS & Government of Assam. It was further decided that functional area wise budget may be reworked on the basis of various decisions taken in the meeting as well as recommendations of the GTCC and inputs from the Government of Assam

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<td>8</td>
<td>Finalization of terms &amp; conditions for participating teams/countries.</td>
<td>Approved. IOA may prepare the Games Overview book (on the lines of the SAG, 2016) and thereafter, send invitation to the National Olympic Committees (NOCs) of participating countries immediately on the basis of tentative dates seeking their consent for participation in the Games.</td>
<td>Secretary General IOA</td>
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5. In addition, following decisions were also taken:

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| 1      | Ceremonies | Opening/Closing ceremony protocols may be discussed and decided mutually. However, broadly, the following were agreed in principle:  
 i. The ceremonies may be innovatively designed to keep expenditure at the minimum without compromising on quality.  
 ii. As a preliminary idea, the following format can be adopted:  
 a) Zonal Cultural Centre of the Ministry of Culture may be associated to design the ceremonies based on the culture of the Himalayan States as well as the participating countries  
 b) Synchronized drills of school children displaying animated patterns on various relevant themes (on lines of the Bharatiyam - 89) may be organized  
 c) Music by the Army Band | JS (Dev.)/CEO, OC |
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<td>2</td>
<td>Administrative and Financial Guidelines</td>
<td>The Administrative and Financial Guidelines of 12th SAG will be followed in HRG and the office bearers of IOA, NSF's and various Committees will be entitled for reimbursement of travelling, boarding and lodging expenses at the same scale</td>
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<td>Engagement of personnel</td>
<td>Preference may be given to personnel having prior experience in conduct of 12th SAG, 2016.</td>
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<td>4</td>
<td>Office Infrastructure</td>
<td>Efforts will be made to minimize procurement of office infrastructure like furniture, office equipment, etc. As a starter, idle TVs, Computers, Laptops, furniture, etc., available with SAI will be made available to the Games Secretariat</td>
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| 5 | Accommodation & Transportation | i. While National Teams and Foreign Technical Officials will be housed in Games Family Hotels on the lines of the SAG, 2016, personnel from the Doordarshan, the All India Radio, National Technical Officials, etc., may be housed in accommodation available with the State Government of Assam or its organizations. State Government of Assam may indicate the details of accommodations that can be made available for the purpose.  
ii. Transportation for the Games will be on the same lines and on same terms and conditions as the SAG, 2016. |
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<td>6</td>
<td>Venue Administrators</td>
<td>The officers who were appointed as Venue Administrators during 12th SAG may be deputed as Venue Administrators for this Game also. In addition, one officer to be nominated by the State Government of Assam may be deputed as Deputy Venue Administrator for each venue.</td>
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<td>Volunteers</td>
<td>State Government of Assam may make arrangements for adequate number of volunteers</td>
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<td>8</td>
<td>Meeting of General Council</td>
<td>A meeting of the General Council may be held at Guwahati immediately after the GTCC submits its recommendations and revised budget estimates are worked out.</td>
<td>Department of Sports</td>
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<td>Coverage of the Games</td>
<td>A letter may be written to I&amp;B Ministry to give due coverage to the Games.</td>
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5. The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the chair.

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Under Secretary to the Government of India  
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Annexure

List of participants of the 1st meeting of Organizing Committee of (OC) Himalayan Region Games (HRG) held on 02nd February, 2017 at 1500 hrs in the office of Secretary (Sports), Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi

Indian Olympic Association

1. Shri Rajeev Mehta, Secretary General
2. Shri D.R. Choudhary, Chairman GTCC

BRICS

1. Lt. Genral, Rajiv Bhalia, CEO

National Sports Federations

1. Shri Sahdev Yadav, Vice- President, Indian Weightlifting Federations
2. Shri P.K. Srivastva, Treasurer, Athletics Federation of India
3. Shri Rajan C S, Assistant Secretary, Judo Federation of India
4. Wg. Cdr. Satya Prakash, Secretary Coordination, Squash Racket Federation of India
5. Shri Raj Kumar, Assistant Secretary, Boxing Federation of India
6. Shri Anil Kamar, Assistant General Secretary, All India Football Federation
7. Shri R.K. Sacheti, Boxing Federation of India
8. Col. (Rtd). R.S. Parmar, Boxing Federation of India
9. Shri Gunjan Abrol, Assistant Secretary, Archery Association of India

Government of Assam

1. Shri P.R. Khaund, Director (Sports)
2. Shri Pradip Hazarika, Dy. Director (Sports)

Sports Authority of India

1. Dr. Subhas Basumatary, Director, SAI RC Guwahati
2. Shri Dilip Kumar Singh, Project Officer
3. Shri Ashwani Kumar, Project Officer
4. Shri Veerinder Pratap, Project Officer
5. Shri P.C. Makholia, Project Officer
6. Shri K.P. Sreejit, Project Officer
7. Shri P.K. Sahu, Project Officer

Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports

1. Smt. Kiran Soni Gupta, AS&FA
2. Shri Rajvir Singh, Joint Secretary (Development)
3. Shri Yogesh Kumar, Director
4. Shri Arun Kumar Singh, Under Secretary
5. Shri Dhaja Singh, Project Officer (MD-SD)