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**Sub: 124<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Finance Committee of SAI**

Please refer to this Office communication dated: 25.04.2025 regarding 124<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Finance Committee of Sports Authority of India scheduled to be held on 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2025 (Tuesday) at 5.00 P.M. under the Chairpersonship of Smt. Sujata Chaturvedi, Secretary (Sports), Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports in the Chamber of Secretary (Sports), Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.

Two Nos. of Agenda Items and ATR are enclosed.

You are requested to kindly make it convenient to attend the meeting.

(Shailesh Rajan)

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To,

- 1 Shri Sanjay Prasad, Special Secretary (Expenditure), Ministry of Finance, North Block, New Delhi
- 2 Shri Sanjay Rastogi, AS & FA, MYAS
- 3 Shri Kunal, Joint Secretary (Sports), MYAS, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
- 4 Shri Vishnu Kant Tiwari, Secretary, SAI
- 5 Shri Vineet Kumar, Executive Director (Academics), NSNIS, Patiala

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Agenda Item No. 1

**Confirmation of the Minutes of the 123rd Meeting of the Finance Committee of Sports Authority of India (SAI) held on August 06, 2024**

The Minutes of the 123rd Meeting of Finance Committee of SAI were circulated vide Circular No. 6(28)/SAI/B&F/123rd FC/2024-25 dated 07th August, 2024.

Since no comments have been received, thereafter, Finance Committee may kindly confirm the minutes.

Agenda Item No.2

Action Taken Report on the decisions taken in the 123<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Finance Committee of SAI held on August 06, 2024

Item No.	Item	Decision	Action Taken
3	Policy for International Competition Exposure for NCOE & STC Athletes	<p>The proposal was accepted in principle and recommended to be placed before the GB for approval. It was also decided that a Selection Committee comprising of members of appropriate seniority be constituted for selection of the athletes for such exposure, and that the Selection Committee should have the access to a complete database of the recommended athletes regarding their past training, past exposure including international competitions, performance in domestic and international competitions, etc. It was further recommended that ratio of female athletes approved for international competition exposure be maintained at 50%, and also that para -athletes may be encouraged for international competition exposure, as far as possible. The Selection Committee will submit its recommendations to DG, SAI for approval. It was proposed that the expenditure on the proposed international competitions exposure be incurred under the SAI Block Grant, and also that the expenditure to be incurred on accompanying Coaches and Support Staff will be met from the SAI Block Grant.</p>	<p>The agenda was placed before the Governing Body in its 60<sup>th</sup> GB meeting held on 09<sup>th</sup> August, 2024 for approval and the same was approved.</p>
4	Procurement of various equipment for setting up the Rehabilitation Gym	<p>The Committee observed that the proposed exclusive Rehabilitation facility is a national facility and recommended that one-full wing in IGSC Hostel, each for male and female athletes, be reserved for this purpose so that the athletes across India may come to Delhi and avail the facility.</p> <p>The proposal was concurred and recommended to be placed before the GB for approval.</p>	<p>The agenda was placed before the Governing Body in its 60<sup>th</sup> GB meeting held on 09<sup>th</sup> August, 2024 for approval and the same was approved.</p>



5	Capacity Development Programme for all Staff and Officers of the Administrative, Scientific and Coaching Cadre	The proposal was accepted in-principle and it was recommended that the dedicated agency under DoPT, namely the CBC should be contacted for advice on framing a comprehensive training proposal for different categories of officials working in SAI. The proposal was recommended to be placed before GB for approval.	The agenda was placed before the Governing Body in its 60 <sup>th</sup> GB meeting held on 09 <sup>th</sup> August, 2024 for approval and the same was approved.
6	Implementation of training allowance to the regular teaching faculty at National Level Academic Training Centres of the Sports Authority of India.	The Department of Expenditure, vide its e-mail dated 05.08.2024, intimated their comment on this agenda that the Personnel Division of Department of Expenditure had been requested to provide suitable inputs on this agenda. The same would be communicated in due course to SAI/DoS for appropriate action. Hence, it was decided to wait for the comments of Department of Expenditure before taking any decision on this matter.	Deferred.
7	Change in Cadre Strength of High-Performance Analysts and Performance Analysts	The proposal was concurred and recommended to be placed before GB for approval.	The agenda was placed before the Governing Body in its 60 <sup>th</sup> GB meeting held on 09 <sup>th</sup> August, 2024 for approval and the same was approved.

## Agenda item No. 3

### Revision of Travelling Norms for athletes of STC Kargil

Sports Authority of India is implementing various sports promotion schemes across the country to identify talented sports person and nurture them to excel at national and international level. In pursuance of this objective, SAI training Centers (STCs) is currently being run in order to cater to the needs of talented athletes in the Junior and sub-junior age group in 27 sports disciplines.

Presently, there are 64 STCs with a total sanctioned strength of 4824 (3846 Residential and 978 Non-residential). The athletes are imparted training by expert coaches and provided with facilities like Boarding, Lodging, Sports Kit, Competition Exposure, Educational Expenses, Medical and Insurance, Stipend etc.

#### Geographical and Logistical Challenges in Kargil

It has been observed that major sports competitions are typically held in mainland India. Athletes from the Union Territory of Ladakh, particularly those from STC Kargil, face significant logistical challenges in attending these competitions due to the region's unique geo-climatic conditions.

- **Rail Connectivity:** STC athletes in Kargil do not have access to train services. The nearest railway station is in Jammu, approximately 462 km away. Under normal conditions, the road journey takes about 15 hours. However, during the winter season, due to traffic congestion at the Zojila Pass, the travel time may extend up to 25 hours.
- **Air Travel Limitations:** Air travel is the only viable alternative, but limited flight availability and high airfare make it difficult for athletes to travel conveniently. This often leads to missed training sessions and fatigue before competitions, adversely impacting athlete performance.
- **Winter Isolation:** From December to May, Kargil remains cut off from the mainland due to heavy snowfall. The nearest airport is in Leh, approximately 230 km away.

During this period:

- A shared taxi to Leh costs ₹3,000 per person.
- Airfare between Leh and the mainland ranges from ₹12,000 to ₹15,000 (sometimes reaching ₹20,000).
- **Estimated total minimum travel cost to Jammu per person in winter: ₹30,000.**
- **Non-Winter Travel Costs:** In other months, shared taxis are the primary means of transport to Jammu, costing around ₹3,000 per person, from where train journey is to be undertaken.
  - **Total estimated travel cost to Jammu per person in non-winter months: ₹6,000.**

The sanctioned strength of STC Kargil along with the details about the fastest mode of transport is provided below:

Name of STC (State/UT)	Sanctioned Strength of Athletes for F.Y 2024-25	Nearest Train station	Distance (in Kms)- Approx	Nearest Airport/ Station	Fastest Mode of Transport and time taken for travel
STC Kargil (Ladakh)	60	Jammu	462 Kms	Srinagar Airport/ Leh Airport	By Air (1 Hour)

In this regard, it may be noted that the Governing Body of SAI in its 60th meeting held on 08th August, 2024 approved the revision of travelling expenditure norms for athletes of STCs located in island territories w.e.f. FY 2024-25 as below:

Head of Expenditure	Region	Previous Expenditure norms per athlete per annum (in Rs.)	Revised Expenditure norms per athlete per annum (in Rs.) after 60 <sup>th</sup> GB
Competition Exposure	Island Territories	3,000/-	20,000/-

This was made subject to a maximum of 02 competition exposures with ceiling of Rs. 10,000/- per athlete per exposure for island territories under SAI Block Grant w.e.f. FY 2024-25 with athletes being allowed to travel by any mode of transport i.e. air/train/ship within the ceiling.

Hence, it is proposed that athletes from STC Kargil be brought within the purview of travelling norms approved for island territories by the 60<sup>th</sup> GB. Financial implication on account of revision of norms for athletes of STC Kargil is provided below:

Head of Expenditure	Present Expenditure Norms	Proposed Expenditure Norms
Competition Exposure for STC Kargil	6000*60= Rs. 3,60,000/-	20000*60=Rs. 12,00,000/-
<b>Total</b>	<b>Rs. 3,60,000/-</b>	<b>Rs. 12,00,000/-</b>



Accordingly, the proposal is submitted for allocating additional budget of **Rs.8,40,000/-** per annum towards competition exposure head of athletes from STC Kargil.

**Concurrence of Finance Committee is solicited for allocation of an additional amount of Rs. 8,40,000/- for athletes of STC Kargil annually for Competition Exposure of SAI Scheme Athletes.**

## Agenda item No. 4

### Assigning the production and broadcasting of Khelo India Youth Games 2025 (KIYG) to Doordarshan (Prasar Bharati) on Nomination basis

Under the Khelo India Scheme, the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports (MYAS) organizes National-level competitions, i.e., Khelo India Youth Games, Khelo India University Games, and Khelo India Winter Games to provide a platform for talented athletes to showcase their sporting and competitive skills. So far, 6 editions of the Khelo India Youth Games, 4 editions of the Khelo India University Games, 5 editions of the Khelo India Winter Games, 2 editions of the Khelo India Para Games have been successfully conducted with the participation of 36 States/UTs. The upcoming edition of Khelo India Youth Games, 2025 is scheduled to be held in Bihar & New Delhi.

2. The Khelo India Youth Games 2025 are scheduled from 4<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2025 in Bihar. It is envisaged to conduct the Khelo India Games at par with **International Standards**, giving the experience of major multidisciplinary to the athletes of the country to create future champions. The Games will be organised with the following objectives:

- Promoting a culture of sports
- Creating a platform for talent identification and long-term athlete development
- Promoting sensitivity and awareness
- Creation of aspirational values
- Capacity budding of stakeholders
- Promoting inclusiveness through sports

3. In consideration of the importance of these games and its objectives, it is imperative that the achievement of athletes are celebrated by the masses and their talent is showcased across various platforms accessible by general public. In this regard and as per practice with every edition of Khelo India Games, it is of utmost importance that the Khelo India Youth Games are broadcasted to a large audience.

4. In this context, considering the paucity of time, it is proposed to approach and assign Doordarshan the work for production and broadcast of upcoming Khelo India Youth Games, 2025. It may be assigned the following:

- Live telecast of games to be decided on the basis of mutual discussion and feasibility.
- Highlight packages of the games
- The Games to be streamed live on DD National, DD Sports and other Prasar Bharati platforms.
- The AIR channels will also highlight packages
- Commentary to be done in Hindi and English
- The results of the Games on daily basis to be covered adequately on DD News

4. It may be noted that the production and broadcast of the previous edition of Khelo India Youth Games, 2023 Tamil Nadu (26 sports discipline in 4 cities) was successfully done by Doordarshan at Rs. 4.50 Cr. on nomination basis (copy of the LOA placed at **Annexure I**)

5. In the above context, it is pertinent to mention that an amount of Rs. 4.95Cr. was approved towards the cost for production & broadcast of the upcoming Khelo India Youth Games by 48th DPAC in its meeting held vide its minutes dated 06.12.2024 (copy of DPAC agenda and minutes placed at **Annexure II**). The Doordarshan was requested for quotation, and they submitted an estimate of Rs. 4.85 crores, including taxes (**Annexure III**) for the production and broadcasting KIYG 2025 (27 sports discipline in 6 cities). The details of the proposal submitted are as follows:

- An omnibus media plan involving DD Sports, All India Radio, and the Waves OTT platform for event coverage and telecast.
- Deployment of OB/MCU units, DSNG, and ENG units.
- The games will be telecast on a grandstand basis from the CPC studio on DD Sports, with multiple streams on Waves and live commentary and capsule mode on All India Radio.
- Prasar Bharati Sports will share the HD quality feed with any media platform or agency designated by the Sports Authority of India.

*Concurrence of finance committee is solicited for assigning the production and broadcasting of KIYG, 2025 to Doordarshan on Nomination basis (under GFR rule 194) at a total estimated cost of Rs 4.85Cr.*