

SPORTS AUTHORITY OF INDIA

Sub: Visit of DG, SAI to SAI NSSC, Bangalore on 06th & 07th July, 2015.

The undersigned visited SAI NSSC, Bangalore on 06th & 07th July, 2015, in connection with the visit of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Human Resource Development. The gist of decisions taken during the visit is as under for appropriate action to be taken by the concerned divisions:-

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1.	INSPECTION FACILITIES AT SAI NSSC, BANGALORE	
	On 6 th July, 2015 at 4.00 pm, the Committee visited SAI NSSC, Bangalore and took a round of the campus. They interacted with the players and coaches. The Committee also visited Sports Science Centre, hostels of campers and COE, etc. They found that the facilities were good.	Secretary, SAI/ RD, NSSC, Bangalore
2.	INTERACTION WITH SAI OFFICERS & EMINENT SPORTSPERSONS	
	<p>After the visit, a review meeting was held in the Conference Hall of the Regional Centre wherein some eminent sportspersons, namely, Ms. Ashwini Nachappa, Ms. Anju Bobby George, Sh. Bobby George, Sh. Manoharan and Sh. Muthuswamy were also present. After the opening remarks of the Chairperson, Member, Shri Anant Kumar Hegde observed that discrimination between foreign coaches and Indian coaches in terms of remuneration must go, and it must be strictly performance-linked. He emphasized that Government should consider Indian coaches, as our star players like P.T. Usha and Anju Bobby George were products of Indian coaches. He also emphasized the need for preparing a road map for tapping talent in rural area. DG, SAI informed the Committee that foreign coaches are also required, as they are more updated with contemporary practices with respect to use of technologies, modern techniques, strategies, etc. He further informed that foreign coaches during off-camp period are utilized for SAI academic programme and clinics for coaches. JS(Sports) submitted that the Government is considering revising the scheme and the Indian coaches will be paid much better salary and the skill level of our coaches will be upgraded by providing them foreign exposure/training. Chairman suggested that we should send our coaches abroad to upgrade their knowledge.</p> <p>Ms. Ashwini Nachappa opined that in our country there is no Sports Law nor do we have a single Sports University. She suggested that sports and games should be made part of school/college curriculum and NSFs be made more accountable.</p> <p>Shri Bobby George informed the committee that the Indian coaches are paid only Rs. 30,000/- whereas foreign coaches are paid huge salaries. Coaches like him are ready to</p>	Secretary, SAI/ ED(T)/ED(Fin)/ RD(Ops)/ RD(NSSC)/ Director (P&Cg)/ Director(Coord)

	<p>dedicate time for training of sportspersons but need decent treatment. He also suggested that for major Olympic disciplines, PSUs be roped in to sponsor under CSR. Chairman advised that DG, SAI will look into the matter and sort it out.</p> <p>Shri Anant Kumar Hegde, Member, suggested that SAI should also pro-actively approach PSUs for supporting athletes. He further suggested that SAI should introduce Ayurvedic medicines in sports medicine. DG, SAI informed that SAI is in dialogue with the Department of AYUSH to ensure that these medicines do not contain prohibited substances. He informed that a pilot project had already been started at LNCPE, Thiruvananthapuram.</p> <p>Shri Ajay Tamta, Member suggested that SAI should open High Altitude Centres in Uttarkhand. He suggested that after the National Games in Uttarkhand are over, the venues are lying idle and SAI should take up with the State Government for proper utilization.</p>	
3.	INTERACTION WITH BANKS AND PSUs	
	<p>On 7th July, 2015 at 10.00 am, the Committee held a meeting in Hotel Lalit Ashok. The meeting was attended by Chairpersons and other senior officers of Canara Bank, State Bank of Mysore, Vijaya Bank, Syndicate Bank, Corporation Bank, BEL, BEML, HAL, DG, SAI and JS(Sports). Chairman in his opening remarks informed that the Olympics will be held next year. Therefore, our PSUs should come forward to participate in providing support by contributing to NSDF and adopt at least one STC or other centres of SAI .</p> <p>Thereafter, a brief presentation was made by each bank/company. Members observed that what the banks and PSUs were doing for sports promotion was not sufficient, They observed that it must go beyond activities for their employees and their families.</p> <p>Banks & PSUs were asked to promote sports in real sense with focused approach along with SAI & MYAS to encourage more and more children take to competitive sports. Important suggestions made by the Committee Members are given below:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Banks and PSUs were advised to <u>contribute to NSDF</u> under CSR towards sports promotion. 2) <u>Adopt</u> SAI centres for upgradation/maintenance of existing facilities. 3) <u>Secure sportspersons</u> life so that more and more children take up sports and parents will also be encouraged to allow their children pursue sports as a career, if proper employment opportunities are created. 4) They can also <u>adopt a particular sportsperson</u> or a team till Olympics or any major tournament/championship. 5) Also to take care and nurture <u>rural talent</u> particularly girls, where lot of potential available and untapped. 	<p>Secretary, SAI/ ED(T)/ED(Fin)/ RD(Ops)/ RD(NSSC)/ Director (P&Cg)/ Director(Coord)</p>

