

## SPORTS AUTHORITY OF INDIA

**Sub:- Visit of DG, SAI to Jaipur on 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2015.**

I visited Jaipur, OASES (Organisation Archery, Shooting & Equestrian Sports) along with Shri Raninder Singh, President, NRAI (National Rifle Association of India). Earlier, the State Government had submitted a proposal to SAI to take over the shooting and archery facilities for being run as National Academies.

2. Establishment of National Sports Academies has been under consideration of MYAS (Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports) for the past one year and was also part of FM's budget speech (2014-2015). The previous DG had paid a visit to Jaipur in December, 2014 and made a detailed assessment of the proposal to set up the academies. After having detailed discussions with officers concerned and a meeting with the State Sports Minister and the Chief Minister, he recommended establishing a SAI National Academy for Archery. While recommending the proposal, Secretary (Sports) suggested that SAI may consider establishing two separate academies for shooting and archery in collaboration with the respective NSFs (National Sports Federations), which was approved by the MOS (i/c), YA&S.

3. After receiving in-principle approval to set up the academies, interactions between the State Government and SAI have been underway to finalise the MoU framework for operationalizing the academies. Subsequently, in April 2015, the State Sports Minister and the Principal Secretary (Sports) of Rajasthan met me in this regard. It was clarified to them that the academies would run as a joint venture between the State Government and SAI and SAI would not be keen to manage it independently. It was also clarified that the MoU should conform to the standard SAI template wherein SAI would not incur any fixed or recurring expenditure on the development and maintenance of the facility. The focus of SAI would be primarily on the training activity, conduct of national coaching camp and facilitating conduct of international events. The NSFs concerned would function as the technical partner in this regard.


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4. On a physical inspection of the archery and shooting facilities, it was seen that both were by and large self contained in terms of field of play and corresponding infrastructure. After detailed discussion with the Principal Secretary (Sports) and the Commissioner, Jaipur Development Authority, it was decided that the archery facility shall be managed by the State Sports Department on its own and SAI should provide financial and technical support for managing the shooting academy. It was indicated that Jaipur Development Authority would transfer the assets to the State Sports Department, which in turn, would collaborate with SAI and NRAI to operate the academy. The State Sports Department would receive necessary funding from Jaipur Development Authority to replace the existing manual targets with electronic targets for 10 meter air rifle/ pistol and 25 meter and 50 meter ranges. Similarly, they will also align all systems of trap, double trap and skeet with ISSF approved norms. Once complete preparedness of the shooting facility is established in consultation with NRAI, SAI shall take necessary steps to deploy reputed coaches, scientific staff and support staff. The administrative control and day to day management of the academy will vest with the State Sports Department whereas the technical domain area will be with SAI and NRAI, which will include selection of trainees, designing of training curriculum and conduct of the training programme. Apart from managing and administering the venue, the State Sports Department shall also be responsible for board and lodging of the trainees, who will be essentially from the State. All arrangements for national campers will be the responsibility of SAI. Based on the above, it was decided that an MoU will be finalised shortly and executed at the earliest.

5. Thereafter, I visited the Vidhyadhar Nagar Stadium, which is located at the outskirts of Jaipur city. Two options were examined, namely the Sawai Mansingh Stadium, which is in the heart of Jaipur city and the Vidhyadhar Nagar Stadium, which is in the outskirt. After visiting both the stadiums, it was felt that the Vidhyadhar Nagar

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Stadium is more suitable, as the Sawai Mansingh Stadium is the main stadium which is already having a lot of activities of the State Government; besides, it is also functioning as the cricket stadium and cricket academy. On the other hand, Vidhyadhar Nagar Stadium, can serve as an exclusive facility for SAI. The stadium has a hostel building which can accommodate 40-50 trainees. To start with, we can have a boys hostel here. There is a large multi-purpose hall, which is nearing completion. Flooring and electrical work is pending. The State Sports Department have sought technical guidance on flooring and lighting (Lux). SE(Infra) may plan a visit to Jaipur at the earliest and advise them on the desirable specifications (synthetic flooring and lux) in this regard. Apart from the multi-purpose hall, there are many outdoor facilities including football field, athletic track (clay), and facilities for handball, basketball, volleyball and kabaddi. To start with, we can introduce athletics, basketball and handball and subsequently, we can consider badminton and any other indoor sport. SAI coaches for athletics, basketball and volleyball are already available. The present day boarding scheme in the University can also shift to the STC once it is partnered. The Principal Secretary agreed to execute the standard MoU which may be formally sent to them. An agenda on this proposal may be prepared by Operations Division for FC and GB approval.

  
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All Divisional Heads