

**SPORTS AUTHORITY OF INDIA**

**REPORT ON THE VISIT OF DIRECTOR GENERAL, SPORTS AUTHORITY OF INDIA TO BHUBANESWAR FROM 21<sup>ST</sup> TO 23<sup>RD</sup> AUGUST, 2015**

The undersigned was on official tour to Bhubaneswar from 21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 2015. During the visit, discussions were held with the State Government officials, Director In-charge, Kolkata and in-charges of Centres which are detailed hereunder for appropriate action by the concerned official:-

**(1) REVIEW OF STC, CUTTACK**

S.NO	SUBJECT	ISSUES/STATUS	OBSERVATIONS/DECISIONS
1.	<b>TRAINEE'S STRENGTH</b>		
	There are 44 boys and 8 girls (Total 52 trainees) under the residential scheme.	Out of the 52, there are only 8 girls (athletics). Remaining trainees (44 boys) are in athletics (16), basketball (10) and football (18).	It has been decided to add football discipline for girls for which around 24 girls would be inducted. Similarly, volleyball (boys) has been added in which 15 trainees will be inducted. In addition, 10 additional boy trainees in football and 5 trainees in basketball are to be inducted.
2.	<b>HOSTEL</b>		
	The hostel, by and large, is in good condition and quite spacious.	The premises has been made available by the State Olympic Association and renovated by the State Government.	There are 9 dormitories and 4 rooms for boys which can accommodate around 70 inmates. There are 4 dormitories for girls which can accommodate around 30 girls. I requested the President of Odisha State Olympic Association to hand over the remaining dormitories/rooms so that it can easily accommodate the additional trainees, which he has agreed to. The In-charge was advised to provide a study room to the trainees and also to improve the facilities in terms of furniture and up-keep. A common room/recreation room may be provided.
3.	<b>TRAINING</b>		
	At national level, there has been only one silver and one bronze medal.	The achievements have been, by and large, at state level. There are no international medals.	I spoke to the coaches and impressed upon them to step up their efforts and ensure better achievements. It was clearly mentioned to them that the minimum target should be national participation/medals with respect to at least 25% of the trainees.



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4.	<b>SPORTS INFRASTRUCTURE</b>		
	The STC has access to outdoor facilities - basketball, volleyball, football and athletics.	There is no synthetic athletic track. The basketball court is in need of repair.	It is desirable to convert the basketball court into a synthetic court. We may request the State Olympic Association to do this. Alternatively, SAI can do it if they formally attach the court to the SAI centre.  An issue was raised with regard to payment of electricity charges for use of motor pump. It was decided that payment can be shared on 50:50 basis with State Olympic Association.
5.	<b>FOOD</b>		
	The food has been outsourced.	Trainees complained that the food quality is not up to the mark and sometimes there is shortfall in quantity as well.	Centre In-charge to issue warning to the contractor. If there is no proper response, steps may be taken to change the contractor. It was indicated that the previous contractor was very good but he could not be given a fresh contract because he could not produce the license. The Centre In-charge was advised to follow due procedures and engage a fresh contractor. The previous contractor can also participate in the tender.
6.	<b>SPORTS KITS</b>		
	The trainees have received track suits, T-Shirts & half pants and socks; but are yet to receive shoes.	The trainees expressed need for 2 pairs of shoes - 1 for warm up and 1 for play.	I feel that it is very important to provide 2 pairs of shoes to the trainees on an annual basis due to fast wear and tear and need for a pair of warm up shoes in addition to sports shoes. If necessary, the norms may be revised with the approval of Governing Body. We can, perhaps, keep a limit of Rs. 2000/- for shoes @ 500 for warm up and 1500/- for sports shoes.
7.	<b>HOSTEL WARDEN AND SECURITY GUARDS</b>		
	No full-time wardens are engaged at present.	The Centre has received sanction order for appointment of warden and security guards, but no action has been initiated.	The Centre In-charge was advised to take an immediate steps in this regard.

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8.	<b>COACHES</b>		
	There are 18 coaches, including 5 under SCC.	There is an additional requirement of coaches in the discipline of athletics and football (women). Director In-charge, Kolkata informed that he has made temporary arrangements by diverting coaches from Kolkata.	Coaching Division may make full term arrangement.

(2) **REVIEW OF SAG, JAGATPUR**

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1.	<b>TRAINEE'S STRENGTH</b>		
	There are only 6 boy trainees each in rowing and kayaking and canoeing and 6 girl trainees in rowing and 2 in kayaking and canoeing.	In all there are only 20 trainees in the SAG centre. It was stated that another 15 trainees are to be inducted in a week or so, which would take the strength to 35. There are 6 trainees each (boys and girls) in rowing in the COE.	I advised the Centre In-charge to ensure that the total strength of SAG should be raised to at least 50 by inducting 25 additional trainees in the sub-junior category.
2.	<b>HOSTEL</b>		
	The hostel building has been constructed by SAI with a capacity of 60 for boys and 40 for girls.	The problem is with regard to availability of toilets (1 for every 24 athletes) which is very much on the lower side. Furniture, etc is also required to be procured.	We must take immediate steps to construct additional bath-cum-toilets. Additional floors should also be considered to create 50 bedded capacity for national campers. SE(Infra) should prepare estimates for renovation and expansion for consideration in the next Governing Body Meeting. With respect to procurement of furniture, linen, etc. funds have been already sanctioned.

