

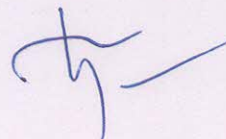
## SPORTS AUTHORITY OF INDIA

**Sub:- Visit of DG, SAI to Chennai on 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2016.**

I visited Chennai on 22.04.2016 and had a brief meeting with the Member Secretary, Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu (SDAT) regarding expansion of SAI activities in the State and the possibility of setting up a High Altitude Training Centre at Ooty. At present, SAI has 02 STCs, 01SAG in Tamil Nadu.

2. Member Secretary, SDAT agreed to relocate the SAI STC girl's hostel in Chennai and also provide some additional facilities to SAI trainees. The Member Secretary, SDAT agreed that no purpose would be served by duplication of efforts by SAI and SDAT and hence, a comprehensive sports development plan should be prepared jointly by SAI and SDAT for promotion of excellence in sports in the State. I informed him that SAI is considering some National/Regional Academies in collaboration with State Governments provided the requisite infrastructure and talent pool is available. Here again, SAI will only meet the operational cost towards training, whereas that towards boarding and lodging, fixed cost including operation and maintenance of the FOP and ancillary facilities will be the responsibility of the State Government. SAI would provide high performance coaches, sports science support, equipment support and consumables. The trainees will also be given competition exposure.


3. Discussed with the Principal, LNCPE, Trivandrum regarding SAI activities within his jurisdiction. There is an STC at Puducherry where, recently, it has been approved to introduce Kabaddi under day boarding scheme. During my last visit to Puducherry on 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2015, I had also agreed to in principle for construction of a girl's hostel and some other facilities. The local authorities were required to hand over some land for this purpose, which is still awaited. The Principal, LNCPE may follow up this matter. Some land development, repair and renovation activities were



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approved for the SAG Centre at Mayiladuthurai, which should be expedited. There was a proposal for starting a Centre of Excellence (COE) for Volleyball at Ramachandra Medical College & University. The Principal, LNCPE may submit a detailed feasibility report in this regard. SAI can consider the proposal subject to having adequate number of athletes meeting eligibility norms and all infrastructure requirements being met by the University.

4. In the evening, I attended the Annual Day Function of Indian Squash Academy, which was set up in 2001 by the Tamil Nadu Squash Rackets Association. The academy is located on land provided on lease by SDAT. It is a compact facility with 09 squash courts, including an all glass squash court, a small hostel, a 25 mtr swimming pool and a small office. The Academy caters to both beginners and professional squash players. In the last 15 years, it has produced 62 National Champions and most of the top squash players of the country, who also have good international ranking, are from this Academy. The Indian Squash Academy is a good example for other States and National Federations to replicate.

  
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Director General

To,

1. Secretary (SAI)
2. ED(Fin & OPS)
3. Principal, LNCPE, Trivandrum
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5. In-charges of STC, Chennai/STC, Puducherry