

SPORTS AUTHORITY OF INDIA

REPORT ON THE VISIT OF DIRECTOR GENERAL, SPORTS AUTHORITY OF INDIA TO HYDERABAD ON 07TH JULY, 2016

Visited SAI-Pullela Gopichand Badminton Foundation (PGBF) National Badminton Academy, which is a not for profit trust. PGBF was sanctioned a grant of Rs. 5 crore from the National Sports Development Fund (NSDF) in December, 2012 to set up a new Badminton training facility, close to its existing facility in Hyderabad. One of the conditions of the grant was that the PGBF and SAI would have to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to facilitate optimum utilization of the facilities developed with NSDF assistance for promotion of excellence in Badminton.

2. Accordingly, SAI and PGBF entered into an MoU on 24.11.2015. Consequent upon signing of MoU, the facility has been formally named as SAI-PGBF National Badminton Academy, which has since been inaugurated and is functional.

3. The Management Committee of the Academy consists of DG, SAI, Shri Pullela Gopichand and a Trustee nominated by PGBF. The Management Committee is responsible for undertaking a nation-wide talent identification programme for selection of 50 players within the age-group of 11-14 (which can be relaxed in exceptional cases).

4. The land for the Academy has been given by Government of Telengana with the condition that players from the State shall be given due consideration subject to meeting induction criteria.

5. The MoU entered into between SAI & PGBF is for an initial duration of 15 years, which is extendable thereafter on mutual agreed terms and conditions. Under this framework, SAI has the right to hold national camps and competitions at the venue. For the national camps, the financial norms under the Scheme of Assistance to NSFS shall apply.

6. As far as talent identification and development programme is concerned, SAI and PGBF would have specific responsibilities for its operation. To start with, boarding and lodging will be as per applicable norms decided by SAI. Shuttle cocks would be obtained by PGBF under manufacturer's sponsorship. Coaches and support staff will be provided by SAI as per MoU. In case of dispute, it would be first referred to Secretary (Sports) and if it



still remains unresolved; arbitration proceedings will be applicable as per Indian Arbitration Act. The MoU lays emphasis on the need to mobilize a CSR partner who can provide financial assistance to meet some of the items of expenditure in the budget. Once the CSR partner is identified, the MoU would be replaced by a tripartite agreement between SAI, PGBF and CSR Partner.

7. Meanwhile, M/s HVR Sports Inc. have evinced interest to become a CSR partner for this project.

8. With a view to taking this forward, Shri Harsh Vardhan Reddy of M/s HVR Sports Inc. was invited to the Academy and a joint visit was carried out. State of the art facilities have been created with a 9-court facility, residential facility and all other required facilities for running the Academy. The meeting was attended by DG, SAI, Shri Pullela Gopichand, Shri L.V. Subrahmanyam, Special Chief Secretary, Government of Andhra Pradesh, in his capacity as Trustee of PGBF, Shri Harsh Vardhan Reddy of M/s. HVR Sports Inc. and Shri Shyam Sunder, Regional Director, SAI NSSC, Bangalore.

9. DG, SAI highlighted the following points with respect to the proposed tripartite arrangement:-

- i) SAI, PGBF and HVR Sports Inc. are independent legal entities and will continue to be individually responsible for their respective statutory and other obligations that are outside the proposed project to be implemented under a tripartite agreement.
- ii) The collective or combined responsibility of the above mentioned 3 entities will be confined to the National Talent Identification and Development Project (NTIDP).
- iii) The agreement in question would be entered into with PGBF as a Trust and not with Shri P. Gopichand as an eminent sportsperson or the current Chief National Coach for Badminton.
- iv) There should be clear distinction in various activities conducted by PGB, which are as follows:-
 - (a) Conduct of national camps
 - (b) NTIDP (Proposed)
 - (c) PGBFs own activities
- v) The proposed agreement will be strictly confined to NTIDP only
- vi) Conduct of national camps at this venue will be a separate matter governed by ACTC with BAI, which decides on the venue of national camps with the approval of SAI. The present MoU on proposed tripartite agreement will have no bearing on the national camp activity.



vii) PGBF will be free to carry on its own activities, subject to no compromise with its obligations to SAI and HVR Sports Inc. under the proposed tripartite agreement and other responsibilities such as conduct of national camps that has been given outside the proposed agreement.

viii) PGBF should maintain separate accounts for the NTIDP (as it does for national camps), which will be open to verification by SAI and audit by CAG.

xi) There should be no duplication of players whatsoever under NTIDP and national camps at any given point in time. In other words, if a NTIDP player is inducted into a national camp, his expenditure for such duration will be booked to the national camp and not to NTIDP.

x) Current national campers who are already representing the country in seniors will not be part of the NTIDP.

xi) Selection of players under NTIDP must be based on a robust and objective criterion of performance and trials. The names will have to be approved by the Management Committee.

xii) Up to 30 of the 50 players will be in the 2014 Olympics development group and will be entitled for additional benefits as may be granted by MYAS/sponsors.

xiii) The NTIDP and 2024 Devp.Group players will sign a contract with SAI-PGBF NBA containing rights and obligations of both parties.

xiv) The proposed tripartite agreement will be for 2 Olympic cycles, i.e., will be valid up to 2014.

xv) Broadly the following division of responsibilities was agreed to:-

SAI	PGBF	HVR Sports Inc.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boarding & Lodging as per SAI norms Deployment of 03 Badminton Coaches Deployment of 01 Physio Deployment of 01 Fitness Trainer Deployment of 02 Wardens 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provision of entire Field of Play, residential and other relevant facilities Court mats Shuttles Foreign Coach <p style="text-align: center;">} through manufacturer's sponsorship</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financial support to the tune of Rs.5 lacs per trainee, per annum towards participation in domestic and foreign competitions & trainings. Financial support upto Rs.50 lacs towards meeting over a cost including engagement of Security personnel, cooks, etc.

10. SAI has already provided provisional / adhoc budget for one quarter pending execution of the tripartite agreement. Necessary steps may be taken for preparing the tripartite agreement and having it executed after the approval of the Chairman, Governing Body, SAI.

Meeting with the Special Chief Secretary, Andhra Pradesh and the Vice-Chairman, Sports Authority of Andhra Pradesh (SAAP).

11. Following points were discussed:-

(i) **Procurement of Sports Equipment and Consumables:**

Special Chief Secretary, Govt of Andhra Pradesh requested SAI to provide technical support in procurement of sports equipment and consumables. It was decided that Equipment Support Division will send details of procurements made in the last 2 years as a reference point. Further, we will also share with them the rate contracts, if any, finalized by SAI.

(ii) **Shifting of Vizag Centre to Kamadi:**

It was decided that pending construction of a hostel, Sports Authority of AP may take a hostel on rent to facilitate early shifting of the Centre. Special Chief Secretary informed that they would like to relocate an athletic track already approved by MYAS to Kamadi. DG SAI requested that a copy of the request letter may be endorsed to SAI for following up the matter with MYAS.

(iii) **Shifting of STC, Eluru:**

The Special Chief Secretary suggested that the present STC at Eluru may be shifted to Mylavaram for boys and Gudivada for girls.

(iv) **Introduction of new disciplines at STC Kurnool:**

It was decided that the Kurnool centre, which has good infrastructure may be optimally utilized by introducing new disciplines.

DG SAI suggested that RD, SAI NSSC, Bangalore and VC, SAAP may make a joint inspection to the Centre for finalizing the timelines and modalities.

Meeting with the Director, Sports Authority of Telengana:

12. During the meeting, the following decisions were taken:-

- (i) Setting up of Archery facility at SAI Gachibowli.
- (ii) Starting Swimming activities under Day Boarding Scheme.
- (iii) Deployment of a lady Swimming Coach
- (iv) It was agreed to explore the possibility of starting boxing discipline at Lal Bahadur Stadium Complex.
- (v) It was also agreed to strengthen the Gymnastic Training activity at Saroor Nagar.



- (vi) It was felt that the Badminton activity at Saroor Nagar and services of the present coach may be utilized at SAI- Gopichand Badminton Foundation (PGBF) National Badminton Academy.

13. Inspected SAI Centre at Gachibowli. The facility made available at Gachibowli is good standard. However, some maintenance work is badly required, which should be ensured by the Deputy Director, STC, Hyderabad. DG SAI directed that the maintenance work should be completed within three months and provisions may be made for reading room and recreation facilities for the trainees.



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Director General

20/07/2016

To,

- 1) Secretary, SAI
- 2) ED(OPs&Fin)
- 3) RD(Bangalore)
- 4) Director(Coaching)
- 5) Dy Director, STC, Hyderabad
- 6) SE(Infra)

cc: ✓ AD (media) for m/a.