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खेल विभाग/ Department of Sports
खेलो इंडिया/ Khelo India

Hall No. 109, Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium,
Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003
Dated: 27.05.2026

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Minutes of the meeting of Departmental Project Approval Committee (DPAC) held under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Sports) on 22.05.2026 to consider proposals under the Khelo India Scheme.

The undersigned is directed to forward herewith a copy of Minutes of the meeting of Departmental Project Approval Committee (DPAC) held under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Sports) on 22.05.2026 (Friday) to consider proposals under the Khelo India Scheme.

2. This issues with the approval of Secretary (Sports), MYAS.



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To,

1. Joint Secretary & Financial Adviser, MYAS, SAI, JLN Stadium Complex, New Delhi – 110003.
2. Joint Secretary (Khelo India), MYAS, JLN Stadium, New Delhi - 110003.
3. Deputy Secretary (AB), MYAS, GPOA 3, Netaji Nagar, New Delhi.
4. Deputy Secretary, NITI Aayog, New Delhi - 110001.

Copy to: -

1. DDG (Khelo India-1), SAI, JLN Stadium Complex, New Delhi – 110003.
2. Executive Director (Khelo India-2), SAI, JLN Stadium Complex, New Delhi – 110003.
3. Executive Director (Infra), SAI, JLN Stadium Complex, New Delhi – 110003.
4. PPS to Secretary (Sports), MYAS, GPOA 3, Netaji Nagar, New Delhi.



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Under Secretary to the Government of India

Subject: Minutes of the meeting of Departmental Project Approval Committee (DPAC) held under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Sports) on 22.05.2026

A meeting of the Departmental Project Approval Committee (DPAC) was held on 22.05.2026 under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Sports), Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (MYAS) at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, New Delhi.

2. The following officers attended the meeting:

- i. Shri Mansoor Hasan Khan, Joint Secretary & Financial Advisor, MYAS
- ii. Shri Vineel Krishna Ravella, Joint Secretary, MYAS
- iii. Shri Arvind Kumar, Deputy Secretary, NITI Aayog
- iv. Shri Mohd. Zuber, Deputy Secretary, MYAS

3. The DPAC considered the agenda items and the recommendations on each of the items are as under:

Agenda Item No. 1

Confirmation of minutes of the meetings of DPAC held on 23.03.2026 and 30.03.2026

Decision: DPAC confirmed the minutes.

Agenda Item No. 2

Funds for Promotional Activities under Fit India for FY 2026-27

There is a need to strengthen the promotional activities conducted under the Fit India Mission to improve visibility and reinforce the Fit India brand. A number of activities are planned as part of the promotional activities under Fit India.

There is a proposal to allocate a budget of Rs. 3.0 Crore for Fit India Promotional Activities for F.Y. 2026-27.

The PAC appraised the proposal and forwarded it to the DPAC for consideration.

Decision: DPAC approved the proposal

Agenda Item No. 3

Fit India Regional-level Events for FY 2026-27

The Regional Centres (RCs) of the Sports Authority of India, including operational units such as National Centres of Excellence (NCOEs) and Sports Training Centres (STCs), play a vital role in strengthening the Fit India Movement at the grassroots level. The organization of regional events and campaigns through these centres, including Sundays on Cycle and other Fit India activities, ensures strong local participation, enhanced media coverage, and increased public enthusiasm, thereby effectively promoting the Fit India Movement across the country.

There is a proposal to allocate ₹50 lakh each to five major Regional Centres—Gandhinagar, Lucknow, Mumbai, Kolkata, and Bangalore—amounting to ₹2.50 crore and ₹30 lakh each to seven other centres, namely Imphal, Guwahati, Sonapat, Bhopal, Chandigarh, LNCPE Trivandrum, and NSNIS Patiala, amounting to ₹2.10 crore. A total amount of Rs 4.6 crore is proposed for various Fit India activities at SAI Regional Centres from the budget of Fit India under for the Financial Year 2026–27.

The PAC appraised the proposal and forwarded it to the DPAC for consideration.

Decision: DPAC approved the proposal

Agenda Item No. 4

Conducting mega event of Sundays on Cycle at Ahmedabad

The “Sundays on Cycle” programme is being conducted on a pan-India basis across various States/UTs to promote fitness and cycling culture among citizens. The initiative has witnessed large-scale participation and growing engagement from youth, cyclists, fitness enthusiasts, educational institutions, and the general public across the country.

There is a proposal to :-

- i. Conduct Commonwealth Games (CWG) - themed Mega “Sundays on Cycle” event at Ahmedabad on 24th May 2026.
- ii. Allocate a budget of Rs. 25,00,000/- for conduct of the event and associated activities under the Fit India Movement.

The PAC appraised the proposal and forwarded it to the DPAC for consideration.

Decision: DPAC approved the proposal

Agenda Item No. 5

Proposal for Conduct of Hackathon through MeitY Startup Hub (MSH) for Development of Mobile Application for Talent Identification

A mobile application for Talent Identification is proposed to be developed through a Hackathon/Startup Challenge to be conducted in collaboration with MeitY Startup Hub (MSH). The Hackathon will invite innovative solutions from startups and technology providers for creating an end-to-end digital ecosystem for the Battery Fitness Assessment System, in line with the Concept Note received from National e-Governance Division (NeGD), with MSH serving as the platform for hosting and managing the competition in coordination with SAI and NeGD.

There is a proposal to :-

- i. Conduct Hackathon through MeitY Startup Hub (MSH) for development of a mobile application for Talent Identification.

ii. for a total estimated financial implication of ₹46 lakhs (exc. taxes) to be met from “Khelo India Talent Development component” component of Khelo India.

iii. Authorize Director General, SAI, to allow expenditure up to 10% beyond the approved amount, if required, to meet any unforeseen exigencies during the execution period.

The PAC appraised the proposal and forwarded it to the DPAC for consideration with the modification that the expense may be booked under Khelo India Talent Development component

The committee observed that the mobile application developed during the KIRTI Program encountered data inconsistency issues, primarily attributable to human error in manual data entry for various fitness tests, which consequently led to inaccurate measurements. In this regard, the committee has been apprised that the current proposal has accordingly been formulated to address those gaps and prevent recurrence of such issues.

Decision: DPAC approved the proposal.

Agenda Item No. 6

Proposal for the Conduct of ASMITA Leagues at City/District level for Cycling, Football and Sepaktakraw leagues for FY 2026-27

Khelo India Gazette Notification dated 4 March 2022 provides for dedicated opportunities for women’s participation in sports at the grassroots level. The ASMITA League aims to strengthen a sustainable and inclusive sports ecosystem through structured City/District-level competitions serving as a pathway to higher-level events. Based on proposals received from various National Sports Federations, including the Cycling Federation of India, Sepaktakraw Federation of India, and All India Football Federation, it is proposed to organize 500 ASMITA City/District Leagues during FY 2026–27 in three Olympic/Asian Games disciplines—Cycling (200 leagues), Football (200 leagues), and Sepaktakraw (100 leagues)—with Cycling events aligned to World Bicycle Day for greater public participation and awareness. The financial assistance has been standardized at ₹75,000 per league.

There is a proposal to conduct a total of 500 ASMITA City/District Leagues in all three selected sports (Cycling, Football & Sepaktakraw) at a sanctioned budget of ₹75,000/- per league, totalling an expenditure of ₹3,75,00,000/- (Rupees Three Crore Seventy Five Lakh Rupees Only)

The PAC appraised the proposal and forwarded it to the DPAC for consideration.

Decision: DPAC approved the proposal. JS&FA advised to have a proper monitoring mechanism.

Agenda Item No. 7

Proposal for the Conduct of ASMITA Leagues at City/District level for Cycling, Football and Sepaktakraw leagues for FY 2026-27

The ASMITA League, launched in 2021 to enhance women's participation in sports and promote wellness and empowerment, has organized over 2,400 competitions across 34 disciplines with participation of more than 2.8 lakh women athletes till February 2026, and over 500 additional leagues planned during FY 2025–26. To support effective monitoring, coordination, branding, and operational management of these events, it is proposed to allocate funds under the administrative and promotional budget for domestic travel, accommodation, branding, and related administrative expenses for athletes, coaches, technical officials, competition managers, and other approved personnel invited by Sports Authority of India (SAI), with all bookings to be made through authorized service providers in accordance with Government of India travel rules and financial prudence norms.

There is a proposal to allocate an amount of Rs.20,00,000/- inclusive of taxes for F.Y. 2026-27 for Administrative and Promotional Budget for SFW (ASMITA).

The PAC appraised the proposal and forwarded it to the DPAC for consideration.

Decision: DPAC approved the proposal

Agenda Item No. 8

Under the Khelo India Scheme, sports infrastructure works worth approximately ₹932 crore have been proposed across various Regional Centres and Stadia of Sports Authority of India (SAI). Although the existing Scheme ended on 31.03.2026, the Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, has granted a temporary extension up to 30.09.2026 or till approval of the XVI Finance Commission Cycle, whichever is earlier, while stipulating that no new projects shall be initiated during the extension period. Meanwhile, the proposal for the Khelo India Mission for the XVI Finance Commission Cycle has already been appraised by the Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC) and is under consideration for approval by the Cabinet.

Considering the substantial lead time involved in sports infrastructure projects, including appraisal, preparation/finalisation of DPRs, tendering, and award of works, the Department of Sports sought concurrence from the Department of Expenditure for undertaking pre-award/preparatory activities during the extension period to avoid delays in implementation and sub-optimal utilisation of funds. Accordingly, the Department of Expenditure, vide O.M. dated 18.05.2026, agreed to the request subject to the certain conditions.

Sports Authority of India (SAI), vide email dated 21.05.2026, has submitted proposals for creation of new infrastructure and up-gradation of 30 sports infrastructure projects at various Regional Centres/Stadia involving an estimated cost of ₹214.82 crore.

Decision: DPAC approved the proposal subject to the conditions that the expenditure towards the approved preparatory/pre-award activities, at this stage, be met from the internal resources of SAI without creating any financial liability on the Government prior to approval of

the Scheme by the Cabinet and also subject to the following conditions as envisaged in the exemption granted by Department of Expenditure:

- i. The permission shall be limited strictly to pre-award/preparatory activities such as appraisal, preparation/finalisation of DPRs and tendering process only.
- ii. No work order, LOA, agreement, financial commitment or liability of any nature shall be issued/created prior to approval of the Khelo India Mission by the Cabinet.
- iii. Initiation of preparatory activities shall not be construed as approval of the scheme/project or commitment of funds by Government.
- iv. The Department of Sports/SAI shall ensure that the activities undertaken remain within the scope of the outlay recommended by EFC.
- v. Any expenditure incurred on preparatory activities prior to approval of the scheme shall be borne by the Department from available budgetary resources and no additional funds shall be sought on this account.
- vi. Tender documents, if issued, shall clearly indicate that award of work shall be subject to approval of the Khelo India Mission by the Cabinet.

4. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.
