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Sub: 63rd Meeting of the Governing Body of Sports Authority of India (SAI) - Circular of Minutes thereof - Reg.

Please find enclosed the Minutes of the 63rd Meeting of the Governing Body of Sports Authority of India (SAI) held on 20.08.2026 under the Chairmanship of Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, Hon'ble Minister for YA & Sports and Labour and Employment for your kind perusal,

Encl: As above

(Ram Singh)

Secretary, SAI &

Member-Secretary, Governing Body

To

Hon'ble Members of the Governing Body of SAI

Copy to: -

- 1) PS to Hon'ble Minister for YA & Sports and Labour & Employment
- 2) PS to Hon'ble Minister of State for YA & Sports
- 3) Sr. PPS to Secretary (Sports), MYA&S
- 4) The Heads of all SAI Regional Centres/ Academic Institutions
- 5) All Officers upto the level of Director & above in SAI Head Office/Stadia Administrators
- 6) OSD to DG, SAI

SPORTS AUTHORITY OF INDIA

MINUTES OF THE 63rd MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF SPORTS AUTHORITY OF INDIA (SAI) HELD ON 20th AUGUST, 2026

The 63rd Meeting of the Governing Body (GB) of Sports Authority of India (SAI) was held on 20.08.2026 at 11.00 AM under the Chairmanship of Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, Hon'ble Minister for Youth Affairs & Sports.

The list of participants is placed at Annexure.

At the outset, Member Secretary and Secretary, SAI welcomed the Chairman and all the Members of the Governing Body. The Chairman, Governing Body in his opening remarks extended a warm welcome to all the Members and requested for their valuable contribution.

Thereafter, the Member Secretary and Secretary, SAI with the permission of the Chair, the Agenda Items were taken up for discussion.

Agenda Item No. 1

Confirmation of Minutes of the 62nd meeting of the Governing Body Meeting of SAI held on 22nd December, 2025

The Minutes of the 62nd meeting of the Governing Body of SAI was confirmed.

Agenda Item No. 2

Action Taken Report on the Decisions taken in the 61st Meeting of the Governing Body of Sports Authority of India (SAI) held on 08th May, 2025

Action Taken Report of the 62nd meeting of the Governing Body of SAI was noted. Discussions were carried out with regard to the following items of ATR: -

- **Item No. 9** - The Work is in progress. However, it was informed that 15% work has been completed physically and it is already suggested to increase the manpower for timely completion of the project.
- **Item No. 13** - The Chairman emphasized the need of Athlete Relations Manager (ARM) for the progress of Athlete's ability to improve his/her performance. He also stated that the appointed ARMs should visit the places where International

Tournaments are being hosted, like the current BWF World Badminton Championship undergoing at IG Stadium, New Delhi, for observing the international athletes and their coaches and gain experience for better performance. And an SOP is to be prepared for this. He also stated that there should be a greater number of ARMs, (Sports) and DG, SAI informed that approval has already been sought from NSDF to engage more ARMs.

Agenda Item No. 3

Engagement of Production Agency for Production of Khelo India Games.

The proposal was approved.

Agenda Item No. 4

Procurement of Sports Kits for Khelo India Games and National Centre of Excellence's (NCoE's)

The proposal was approved. Hon'ble Minister & Chairman, Governing Body advised to get sponsors for Sports kit. DG, SAI assured that the same will be worked out.

Agenda Item No. 5

Engagement of Agency through Rate Contract for Medical Insurance and Personal Accidental Policy for National Campers, TOPS Athletes, Khelo India Athletes, NCoE Athletes, STC Athletes and Support Staff (Coach, Sports Science Manpower etc.)

The proposal was approved.

Agenda Item No. 6

Procurement of Sports Science Equipment (Fixed Force Plates with Dummy Plates for RC Sonepat)

The proposal was approved. Hon'ble Chairman directed to prepare utilization plan for next two years, for the underutilized Scientific Equipment placed at various SAI Centres and make a presentation in this regard.

Agenda Item No. 7

Amendment of Recruitment Rules for Appointment to the Post of Assistant Coach (Pay Level-6) on Deputation Basis in Sports Authority of India

The proposal was approved. The Hon'ble Chairman desired that such Coaches recruited should be given training (National and International level). He also directed that a meeting of Directors/Secretaries of various Sports Boards under Central Government Department and Organizations should be called at the earliest.

Agenda Item No. 8

Cadre Restructuring of Sports Authority of India - Proposal for augmentation of the Sanctioned Strength from 2,498 posts to 6,397 posts across Seven Cadres and connected Policy Decisions.

The proposal was approved. Secretary (Sports) & DG, SAI informed that after the approval of the Governing Body, the proposal will be further submitted to Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance through MYA&S.

Agenda Item No. 9

Purchase of a new 50 HP diesel Tractor and Hydraulic lift trolley for NS NIS, Patiala

The proposal was approved. The Chairman desired that delegation of powers for approvals of such proposals may be worked out.

Agenda Item No. 10

Approval for Waiver of Cancellation charges and rental charges for booking of Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium, New Delhi

The proposal was approved.

Agenda Item No. 11

Approval of the SAI Employee Leased Accommodation Policy (SELAP)-2026

The proposal was approved.

Agenda Item No. 12

Restructuring of SAI Scheme- Proposal to increase sanctioned strength of sports disciplines, adding new sports disciplines in scheme and exploring new NCOEs and STCs in alignment with Khelo India

The proposal was approved. The Chairman directed that location of scientific cluster-based Centres of Excellence should be identified. He also desired that a PPP model to be adopted for developing a sports-eco system. NCoE should help in creating sports infrastructure, where talent is available.

Agenda Item No. 13

Proposal for Approval of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Sports Authority of India (SAI), Bengaluru and Bangalore Medical College and Research Institute (BMCRI) for Comprehensive Medical Support, Sports Medicine, Rehabilitation, Research and Capacity Building

The proposal was approved.

Agenda Item No. 14

Establishment of the National Coach Accreditation Board (NCAB)

The proposal was approved. Chairman, desired that the experts be included to guide and train the Coaching Community.

Agenda Item No. 15

Engagement of Consultant for Redevelopment of Regional Centre at Kandivali, Mumbai.

The proposal was ratified.

Agenda Item No. 16

Procurement of Electric Utility Vehicle for Catering Section at SAI NSSC Bengaluru.

The proposal was ratified.

Agenda Item No. 17

Approval of Annual Report of Sports Authority of India (SAI) for the year 2025-26

The proposal was ratified.

Agenda Item No. 18

Approval of Annual Accounts and Financial Statement of Sports Authority of India (SAI) for the financial year 2025-26

The proposal was ratified.

Agenda Item No. 19

Reimbursement of Warm-Up Shoes to NCOE/STC Athletes

The proposal was ratified.

Agenda Item No. 20

Establishment of Regional Centre (RC), Delhi through Conversion of the Existing Stadia Division

The proposal was ratified.

Agenda Item No. 21

Selection of Strategic Advisors (for Sports Event Planning).

The proposal was ratified.

Agenda Item No. 22

Selection of Project Management Unit (PMU) for FIT India.

The proposal was ratified.

Agenda Item No. 23

Khelo India Sports Governance and Sports Development Infrastructure Wing (Phase-I) at JLN Stadium, New Delhi

The proposal was ratified.

Agenda Item No. 24

Khelo India Sports Governance and Sports Development Infrastructure Wing (Phase-II) at JLN Stadium, New Delhi

The proposal was ratified.

Agenda Item No. 25

Construction of 300 Bedded Hostel at IG Stadium, New Delhi

The proposal was ratified.

Agenda Item No. 26

Development of Synthetic Football field at RC, Imphal

The proposal was ratified.

Agenda Item No. 27

Renovation and upgradation of toilets at Main Arena and K.D. Jadhav Hall at I.G. Stadium

The proposal was ratified.

Agenda Item No. 28

Replacement of metal halide lights with LED lights in the main arena at IGS Complex New Delhi

The proposal was ratified.

Agenda Item No. 29

Considering the 5% Design & General (D&G)/ Departmental Charges in Project Estimates Prepared by Engineering Division of SAI.

The proposal was ratified.

Agenda Item No. 30

Engagement of DEA Empanelled Transaction Advisor for Development of Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium (JNS), Delhi through Public-Private Partnership (PPP) as New Delhi Sports Hub

The proposal was ratified.

Agenda Item No. 31

Engagement of Consolidated Project Management Unit (PMU) for Engineering Wing, SAI HQ under the head *D&G Charges / SAI Block Grant - Capital*

The proposal was ratified.

Agenda Item No. 32

Waiver of Cancellation Charges and Refund of Booking Amounts for Events Cancelled at SAI Stadia in Delhi

The proposal was ratified.

Agenda Item No. 33

Approval for Extension of Deputation of Shri Mohd. Ali, Assistant Coach (Taekwondo) and Shri Ghulam Mustafa, Assistant Coach (Boxing), posted at SAI STC Kargil, beyond the prescribed deputation tenure.

The proposal was ratified.

Agenda Item No. 34

Revision of Selection Methodology for Recruitment to the Post of Assistant Director on Direct Recruitment Basis

The proposal was ratified.

Agenda Item No. 35

Selection of Communication Agency.

The proposal was ratified.

Agenda Item No. 36

Submission of Memorandum of Understanding between Sports Authority of India (SAI) and Sports Injury Centre (SIC), Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi.

The information was noted.

Agenda Item No. 37

Procurement of SPHERY Make Advance 3D Training & Rehabilitation Training Lab for SAI NCOE Kolkata under CSR Fund (NTPC Dhanurvidya Project)

The information was noted.

Supplementary Agenda Item No.1

Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for Booking and Organization of Events at SAI Stadia, New Delhi

The proposal was approved

Supplementary Agenda Item No.2

Amendment in Delegation of Financial Powers (DoFP) - Revision of Financial Powers of DG, SAI and Introduction of Financial Powers of Secretary (Sports), MYAS for New Infrastructure Works under Annexure-A & B (Para 1.1)

The proposal was approved

After the detailed discussion on the Agenda, the floor was opened for discussion by Hon'ble Members present in the meeting to discuss any other issues, in which the following points were discussed: -

- (a) Dr. Piyush Jain informed that SAI can collaborate with top Sports Universities where big sports infrastructure is available, which can be utilized for sports training purposes. For example, LNIPE, BHU which have good infrastructure where SAI can tie up for the purpose. A study in this regard can also be carried out.

He also stated that, SAI can also link with Central Secretariat Sports Control Board who is having a large data base of sports persons and get good talent.

- (b) Dr. V. Singh, Rep. of DAV College Management Committee suggested that DAV College of Management Committee is holding National Level Competition for almost all Olympic sports disciplines for boys & girls in which approx. 20,000 children participate every year. He invited SAI to collaborate with them to identify talented sports persons.

- (c) Representative of CII Shri Jalaj Dani, informed that there is a need of monitoring the utilization of sports facilities/infrastructure by coaches and sportspersons. He also stated that an individual player development plan should also be prepared.



- (d) Representative of CII Ms. Simnu Jindal, informed that the infrastructure being created by SAI should be measured in terms of accessibility for helping para-athletes. DG, SAI stated that all SAI centres are accessible to para-athletes and those which are under construction are also being designed to be para-friendly.
- (e) Ms. Lajja Goswami emphasized the need to support private academies which are involved in development of good talents in sporting field. For example, she stated that the Shooting Academy which scouts talent at a very young age, should be supported for getting ammunition for the talented shooters who excel with the help of such equipment. She also stated that the Centres of Excellence only scouts the talents after its development but the private academies hunt the talent at grassroot level and nurture them.

The Hon'ble Chairman in his closing remarks stated that there is need to map the talent in terms of good performance, capability, action, fitness and interest. A comprehensive Talent Identification Policy should be evolved at School, College, District and State levels. For this purpose, accredited coaches/administrators may visit to identify the talent which will help to form a good talent repository.

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



(Ram Singh)

Secretary, SAI & Member-Secretary,
Governing Body of SAI

A. In Attendance (In Person)

(i)	Shri Mansukh Mandaviya, Hon'ble Minister for YA & Sports-	In Chair
(ii)	Shri Hari Ranjan Rao, Secretary (Sports) & DG SAI	- Member
(iii)	Shri Puneet Sharma, Representative of JS & FA	- Member
(iv)	Shri Pranav Yadav, Representative of FICCI	- Member
(v)	Shri Jalaj Dani, Representative of CII	- Member
(vi)	Ms. Sminu Jindal, Representative of CII	- Member
(vii)	Shri Kamlesh Mehta, Arjuna Awardee (Table Tennis)	- Member
(viii)	Ms. Oinam Bembem Devi, Arjuna Awardee (Football)	- Member
(ix)	Ms. Lajja Goswami, Arjuna Awardee (Shooting)	- Member
(xii)	Dr. V. Singh, Director (PS), DAV College Management Committee	- Member
(xiv)	Dr. Piyush Jain, Physical Education Foundation of India (PEFI)	- Member
(xv)	Dr. Mamta R. Agarwal, Addl. Secretary, AIU	- Member
(xvi)	Shri Ram Singh, Secretary, SAI	- Member Secretary

B. Others

1. Ms. Manjushree Dayanand, Dy. Director General (Ops.), SAI
2. Brig. Bibu Kalyan Nayak, Executive Director (NCSSR), SAI
3. Col. Nachhatar Singh Johal, CEO (TOPS), SAI
4. Shri Amber Pratap Singh, Executive Director (Stadia & Infra.), SAI
5. Shri Matadin Asiwal, Executive Director (GAPD/Coord.), SAI
6. Shri Aman Garg, Director (Infra.), SAI
7. Shri Sanat Jain, Director (HRD-II), SAI
8. Shri Rajesh Paulastye, Director (GAPD), SAI
9. Shri K.C. Meena, Dy. Director (Khelo India), SAI
10. Shri Akash Pundir, Dy. Director (HRD-II), SAI
11. Shri Srinivas Malekar, Dy. Director (CBD), SAI

C. Could not Attend

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| 1. | Smt. Raksha Nikhil Khadse, MoS YA & Sports | - | Member |
| 2. | Secretary (Youth Affairs) | - | Member |
| 3. | Representative of IOA | - | Member |
| 4. | Joint Secretary (Sports), MYA&S | - | Member |
| 5. | Representative of Ministry of Finance | - | Member |
| 6. | Representative of Deptt. Of Higher Education | - | Member |
| 7. | Representative of DG, CPWD | - | Member |
| 8. | Representative of Ministry of External Affairs | - | Member |

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| 9. | Ms. Sania Mirza, Arjuna Awardee (Tennis) | - | Member |
| 10. | Ms. Shiny Wilson, Arjuna Awardee (Athletics) | - | Member |
| 11. | Shri Akhil Kumar, Arjuna Awardee (Boxing) | - | Member |
| 12. | Ms. Neelam Satti Laxmi, Arjuna Awardee (Weightlifting) | - | Member |
| 13. | Shri Girraj Singh, Arjuna Awardee (Para-Athlete) | - | Member |
| 14. | Dr. Kashinath Samagandi, Director, Morarji Desai
National Institute of Yoga | - | Member |
| 15. | Shri Gaurav Bhardwaj, Chairman, Vidya Foundation (H.P.) | - | Member |

