



Press Release

MOC Clears proposals of Athletes Jyothi Yarraji and Shaili Singh as the duo aim to Qualify for the upcoming Paris Olympics

New Delhi, May 3: Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (MYAS) Mission Olympic Cell (MOC) during their 134th meeting approved athletes Jyothi Yarraji and Shaili Singh proposals for multiple competitions as the two aim to Qualify for the upcoming Paris Olympic Games.

The Indian track and field athletes have sent in their request for financial assistance towards various competitions across Europe for the coming month, where they will try to either breach the qualification mark or gather crucial ranking points for the Olympics.

While Jyothi has proposed to compete in 6 international events in Europe, Shaili aims to compete in 4 events in the month of May and June.

MOC under their Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS) funding will cover their Air Fare, visa cost, accommodation charges, local transport cost, medical insurance, physio charges, massage cost and OPA among other expenditure.

MOC also approved proposals of Badminton players Kiran George, Ayush Shetty and Rakshitha Sree. Kiran has proposed to participate in Malaysia Masters (BWF 500) while Ayush has requested financial assistance to participate in a Thailand Open along with Malaysia Masters. Meanwhile Rakshitha will head to Denmark to participate in STATE Denmark Challenge followed by Slovenia Open in Ljubljana.

TOPS will fund their airfare, accommodation cost, Insurance coverage, Visa cost among other expenditure.

MOC also approved proposals of Table Tennis players Manav Thakkar and Archana Kamath, both Manav and Archana plan to compete in WTT Contender Rio De Janeiro, Brazil and WTT Contender Mendoza, Argentina with TOPS covering their Air fare, Hospitality package cost and Visa fees.

Besides foreign competitions MOC also approved proposal of Skeet shooter Anantjeet Singh Naruka's plan to train in Italy with personal coach Ennio Falco before the World Cup, Baku and World Cup, Lonato. The total training period for Anantjeet will be 20 days under coach Ennio Falco with TOPS covering his coaching fees, boarding/lodging cost, local transportation cost and expenditure for Ammunition & Clay targets.

During the meeting MOC also inducted Indian Badminton player Ashwani Ponnappa, Indian shooter Maheshwari Chauhan and rower Balraj Panwar to TOPS Core group, with Ashwani's doubles partner Tanisha Crasto also being promoted from Development to Core group for Paris Olympics.

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