

SCHEME OF SPORTS AND GAMES FOR THE DISABLED (Revised)

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The 'Scheme of Sports & Games for the Disabled' is a Central Sector Scheme being introduced by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports in 2009-10 during the XI Plan Period. The objective of the Scheme is broad-basing participative sports among the disabled.

1.2 Competitive sport among the high performing disabled sportspersons, their participation in national and international competitions, training and equipment and other support including training the trainers, is funded, separately, by assisting the Paralympic Committee of India, Special Olympics Bharat and the All India Sports Council for the Deaf, hereinafter, referred to as PCI, SOB and AISCD respectively, under the Scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations.

1.3 The Scheme of Sports & Games for the Disabled has the following components:-
(i) Grant for sports coaching and purchase of consumables & non-consumable sports equipment for Schools
(ii) Grant for Training of Coaches
(iii) Grant for holding District, State & National level competitions for the disabled.

2. GRANT FOR SPORTS COACHING AND PURCHASE OF CONSUMABLE AND NON-CONSUMABLE SPORTS EQUIPMENT

2.1 The Scheme will be implemented on pilot basis for a period of 5 years in the special schools as well as the normal inclusive schools catering to disabled students.

2.2 Selection of the schools for the grant will be made through open invitations and will be on the basis of the recommendations of the Apex Committee, composition of which is given below:

(i) Joint Secretary (Sports), Department of Sports, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports	Chairperson
(ii) National Advisor (An Expert from an NGO dealing with disabled persons to be nominated by the Ministry initially for a period of two years)	Member
(iii) Representative of the Chief Commissioner of Disabilities	Member
(iv) Representative of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment	Member
(v) Representative of the Ministry of HRD	Member
(vi) Representative of Planning Commission	Member
(vii) Representative of the concerned State Government/UT	Member

(viii) Any other member co-opted by the Chairperson of the Committee	
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2.3 Schools recommended by the Apex Committee and approved by the Ministry will be eligible for the grants at the rates mentioned in para 2.5 and 2.8 below towards payment of stipend to the sports coaches and purchase of consumable and non-consumable sports equipments for the next five years.

2.4 250 disabled students will be covered in each State/UT in preferably 5 schools. Coverage of 250 students in fewer or more schools may also be considered by the Committee subject to adequate justification.

2.5 One coach will be attached for students upto 50 and two coaches if disabled student strength is beyond 50. Engaged coach will be given a stipend of Rs. 10,000 per month for the entire period of pilot project i.e., 5 years. In case, the School wishes to have the services of the coach beyond the 5 year period, it shall wholly be the responsibility of the school to meet the stipend cost.

2.6 The engagement of the coaches will be purely on contract basis, for which the Schools will obtain prior approval of the Ministry. The Special Schools will have the right to terminate the services of the coach, mid way, in case of unsatisfactory performance or any other valid reason.

2.7 Detailed guidelines for engagement of stipendiary coaches will be formulated and circulated by the Apex Committee.

2.8 Grant for purchase of consumable and non-consumable sports equipments will be given at the rate of Rs. 30,000 upto 25 students; Rs. 75,000 beyond 25 but within 50 students; and on pro-rata basis beyond 50 students.

2.9 Apex Committee will have the flexibility in fixing the norms for grant to schools within the overall ceilings prescribed in the Scheme.

2.10 An Internal Committee of the grantee School including the Principal, the stipendiary coach, among others, would purchase consumable & non consumable sports equipment of standard quality and at reasonable rates prevalent in the State, by following a transparent procedure.

2.11 The Apex Committee, while selecting the schools for grant out of those who have applied for grant, will give preference to those having basic sports infrastructure for at least 2 sports disciplines, and which allow use of its infrastructure for non-student disabled persons also and which are in a position to provide a sum of at least Rs.5000/- per annum, as its matching contribution for maintenance & utilization of sports equipment. The Ministry may impose any other condition, as deemed fit, for granting assistance under this scheme.

2.12 Grant to the identified schools towards payment of stipend to the sports coaches and purchase of consumable and non-consumable sports equipments will be released to the Schools directly with the approval of the above-mentioned Apex Committee through cheque/demand draft/electronic transfer by way of normal advance of 75% of grant as 1st instalment and remaining 25% advance on submission of statement of expenditure. 1st instalment will be released on submission of full documents containing list of consumables & non consumables to be purchased/procured and details of coaches to be engaged. etc. Grant for the 2nd year or subsequent years will be given only on submission of utilization certificate, as per the prescribed proforma (Annexure-I), for the grant sanctioned for the preceding year.

3. GRANT FOR TRAINING OF COACHES

3.1 A grant of Rs. 30,000 per district per annum for training of coaches of different levels (Level 1, 2, 3 and 4) will be given to the nodal agency, which could be SOB, PCI, AISCD or any other agency. 150 districts will be covered in year one, 300 in year two, 450 in year three and 600 in year 4.

3.2 The Apex Committee will decide about the nodal agency after considering the requests of the applicant organizations to act as nodal agency for training of community coaches keeping in view their organizational capabilities etc of applicant. The engagement of the nodal agency will be initially for one year.

3.3 The nodal agency will provide coaching to PTIs/PE Teachers/Sports Instructors/Volunteers/Parents/ Teachers in Special Schools and normal inclusive schools in the districts as per detailed Annual Action Plan, drawn up by the nodal agency and recommended by the Apex Committee and approved by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports.

3.4 Selection of districts for training of coaches will be made by nodal agency, with the approval of the Apex Committee, in equitable manner, that is, selection of districts from States/UTs will be in proportion to their total number of districts. Those districts will be given preference which have a higher population of disabled people.

3.5 Nodal agency will provide coaching to at least 50 such persons in each district. The Special Schools and the normal inclusive schools catering to disabled students in the selected districts would provide the equipment & infrastructure support for such coaching. At the conclusion of such training, coaches who are found fit, will receive certificates from the nodal agency certifying them to coach the disabled in the Schools/Institutions in their respective districts as well as other districts, if called upon to do so.

3.6 After such training, the coaches called 'Level 1' or 'Community Coaches' will conduct sports training/sports programmes in the Schools/Institutions of the Disabled in their respective districts/other districts under the overall supervision of higher level

coaches/coordinators of the PCI/SOB/AISCD. In addition, these Community Coaches may be also called upon to assist in the conduct and coordination and other technical support during District, State & National level competitions for the Disabled, if so required.

3.7 The coaching camps at the District level, would be organized by the nodal agency in consultation with the District Disability Officer/District Sports/Designated Nodal Officer.

3.8 Grant for training of coaches will be given to the nodal agency through Cheque/DD/electronic transfer in two installments in the ratio of 75:25 The financial assistance under 2nd installment will be released on submission of the statement of expenditure for the assistance released under 1st installment and on submission of Utilization Certificate to the Ministry, as per prescribed proforma (**Annexure-I**). The nodal agency would also submit complete details of the coaching camps, viz., number and names of participants, number of camps held, disciplines, name of trainees and/or any other information that the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, may call for.

3.9 The total number of trained ‘Level 1 or Community Coaches’, Level 2, Level 3 and Level 4 coaches during the next four years will be as follows:

Level of coaches	Number of coaches trained/coached in 150 districts every year @ 50 persons per district				Total number of coaches trained category wise
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	
Level 1	7500	7500	7500	7500	30000
Level 2	-	7500	7500	7500	22500
Level 3	-	-	7500	7500	15000
Level 4	-	-	-	7500	7500
Total	7500	15000	22500	30000	

GRANT FOR HOLDING DISTRICT, STATE AND NATIONAL LEVEL COMPETITIONS FOR THE DISABLED

4.1 Grants for conduct of the sports competitions for disabled at district, State/UT and national level will be given to the nodal agency, which could be SOB, PCI, AISCD or any other agency. The nodal agency identified for the training of coaches could also be made as nodal agency for conduct of sports competitions.

4.2 The Apex Committee will decide about the nodal agency after considering the requests of the applicant organizations to act as nodal agency for conduct of sports competitions keeping in view their organizational capabilities etc of applicant. The engagement of the nodal agency will be initially for one year. Nodal agency will conduct

competitions for the disabled in the Sub Junior, Junior, and Senior Categories, separately for men and women.

4.3 Grant for district level competitions

4.3.1 Grant of Rs. 1,50,000 per district will be given to the nodal agency for conduct of competitions at district level in 150 districts annually on rotation basis so that so that all 600 districts in the country are covered during the four year period.

4.3.2 Central assistance would be restricted to Rs.15,000 per discipline for competitions in Volleyball, Football, Handball, Basketball, Kabaddi, Hockey, Kho Kho and Athletics and any 2 indigenous sports depending upon the popularity and traditions of the same in the district, subject to a maximum of Rs. 1.5 lakh per district.

4.3.3 This financial grant would cover organizational expenses, officiating charges, charges for opening/closing ceremonies, TA for officials, shamiana, refreshments charges, prize money, medals, trophies, certificates, charges for sports equipment, rentals & any other miscellaneous expenses.

4.3.4 Expenditure which cannot be covered by the above grant may also be arranged by public/private donations, through Public/Private Undertakings in the district as well as financial assistance from the District/State administration.

4.3.5 For overseeing the conduct of sports competitions at district level, each district will have a District Level Committee, consisting of the following:

- (i) District Sports Officer
- (ii) District Disability Officer
- (iii) District SPD, SSA
- (iv) Representative of the nodal agency
- (v) Any other member co-opted with the approval of the District Sports Officer/District Disability Officer

4.3.6 The sports competition plan at district level drawn up by nodal agency, which it will prepare in consultation with the abovementioned Committee, should be submitted to the Ministry well in advance, whereafter, the Government shall release 75% of the grant to the nodal agency and the remaining amount shall be disbursed after conduct of the District competitions and after submission of statement of expenditure for the same and

submission of utilization certificate (as per Annexure-I). The District level competitions in Volleyball, Football, Handball, Basketball, Kabaddi, Hockey & Kho Kho and Athletics and 2 indigenous games, will be held, to the extent possible, around the same dates, that competitions are held under the Panchayat Yuva Krida Aur Khel Abhiyan, in the respective districts.

4.3.7 Assistance will be disbursed through cheque/DD/electronic transfer to the nodal agency in two instalments in the ratio of 75:25.

4.3.8 The competitions of the district tournament will be in accordance with the rules of the games, as approved by the PCI/SOB/AISCD, and as applicable to National Championships.

4.3.9 All disabled citizens of India, would be eligible to take part in the competitions classified according to Sub-junior, Junior & Senior categories, separately for men & women and as per the criteria formulated by the District Level Committee.

4.4 Grant for State/UT level competitions

4.4.1 Grant of Rs. 5 lakh per State/UT will be given to the nodal agency for conduct of competitions at State/UT level. Grant would be restricted to Rs.50,000 per discipline for competitions in Volleyball, Football, Handball, Basketball, Kabaddi, Hockey, Kho Kho and Athletics and any 2 indigenous sports depending upon the popularity and traditions of the same in the State/UT, subject to a maximum of Rs. 5 lakh per State/UT.

4.4.2 This financial grant would cover organizational expenses, officiating charges, charges for opening/closing ceremonies, TA for officials, sportspersons and their escorts in ratio of one escort for four disabled sportspersons, shamiana, refreshments charges, prize money, medals, trophies, certificates, charges for sports equipment, rentals & any other miscellaneous expenses.

4.4.3 Expenditure which cannot be covered by the above grant may be arranged through donations, assistance from Private/Public Sector Undertakings as well as financial assistance from the State Government.

4.4.4 For overseeing the conduct of sports competitions at State/UT level, each State/UT will have a State/UT Level Committee, consisting of the following:

- (i) State Disability Commissioner
- (ii) State Sports Director

- (iii) MYAS Representative
- (iv) Representative of the nodal agency
- (v) Any other member co-opted with the approval of the State Disability Commissioner/State Sports Director.

4.4.5 The sports competition plan at State/UT level drawn up by the nodal agency, which it will prepare in consultation with the abovementioned Committee, should be submitted to the Ministry well in advance, whereafter, the Government shall release 75% of the grant to the nodal agency and the remaining amount shall be disbursed after conduct of the State/UT competitions and after submission of statement of expenditure for the same and on submission of utilization certificate (as per Annexure-I).

4.4.6 Assistance will be disbursed through cheque/DD/electronic transfer to the nodal agency in two installments in the ratio of 75:25.

4.4.7 The competitions of the State/UT level tournament will be in accordance with the rules of the games, as approved by the PCI/SOB/AISCD, and as applicable to National Championships.

4.4.8 The competitions of the tournament will be open to all disabled persons in the State, in Sub Junior/Junior & Senior categories separately for men & women and as per the criteria formulated by the State Level Committee.

4.5. NATIONAL LEVEL COMPETITIONS

4.5.1 National level sports competitions in the Sub Junior, Junior & Senior categories, separately for men and women will be organized by the nodal agency in the State(s)/UT(s) decided by the National Level Committee consisting of the following:

- (i) MYAS Representative
- (ii) SAI Representative
- (iii) National Expert Advisor
- (iv) Representative from the State hosting the National Level Games
- (v) Representative of the nodal agency
- (vi) Any other member co-opted

4.5.2 Grant of Rs. 30 lakh will be given to the nodal agency for organizing competitions at national level. Grant would be restricted to Rs.3 lakh per discipline for competitions in Volleyball, Football, Handball, Basketball, Kabaddi, Hockey, Kho Kho and Athletics and any 2 indigenous sports, decided by the above-mentioned National Level Committee, subject to a maximum of Rs. 30 lakh.

4.5.3 Entries by at least 8 States/UTs, per discipline, will be necessary for the conduct of National level tournaments, in the above mentioned sports disciplines.

4.5.4 This financial grant would cover organizational expenses, officiating charges, charges for opening/closing ceremonies, TA for officials, sportspersons and their escorts, shamiana, refreshments charges, prize money, medals, trophies, certificates, charges for sports equipment, rentals & any other miscellaneous expenses.

4.5.5 Expenditure which cannot be covered by the above grant may be arranged through donations, assistance from Private/Public Sector Undertakings.

4.5.6 The Government may depute coaches/sports scientists/sports medicine experts posted in SAI Centres to provide technical assistance in the conduct of competitions being organized at the National level, subject to availability of resource persons/funds.

4.5.7 The sports competition plan at national level drawn up by nodal agency, which it will prepare in consultation with the abovementioned National Level Committee, should be submitted to the Ministry well in advance, whereafter, the Government shall release 75% of the grant the nodal agency and the remaining amount shall be disbursed after conduct of the national level competitions and after submission of statement of expenditure for the same and on submission of utilization certificate (as per Annexure-I).

4.5.8 Assistance will be disbursed through cheque/DD/electronic transfer to SOB in two installments in the ratio of 75:25.

4.5.9 The competitions of the national level tournament will be in accordance with the rules of the games, as approved by the PCI/SOB/AISCD, and as applicable to National Championships.

4.5.10 The competitions of the tournament will be open to all disabled persons in the country, in Sub Junior/Junior & Senior categories separately for men & women and as per the criteria formulated by the National Level Committee.

5. GENERAL

5.1 The expenditure involved on engagement of support staff (Project Officers, Project Assistants, Data Entry Operators etc) by the MYAS for implementation of the Scheme, travel expenses of National Expert Advisor and of support staff, engagement of an agency for evaluation of the Scheme will be met out of the funds provided for Scheme.

5.2 The Ministry may impose any condition, at any time, for the release of funds or any matter relating to the Scheme, as deemed fit.

5.3 In case, any clarification is required on any matter relating to the Scheme, the same will be referred to the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India, whose decision in the matter shall be final.

5.4 The Ministry reserves the right to add, relax, amend, alter or revise the clauses/sections/provisions of the instant Scheme with due approval of the Hon'ble Minister-in-charge. In case of any change/alteration in the financial parameters of the Scheme, the same will be effected with due approval of the Integrated Finance Division of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.

5.5 A Committee headed by Secretary (Sports) will meet twice for review of implementation of the Scheme.

5.6 Budget: Based on the financial norms indicated above, the budget requirement for the five year period is projected at around Rs. 44.86 crore as per **Annexure II**.

6. EVALUATION OF THE SCHEME

The Government may get the scheme evaluated through a suitable agency at any time, to see whether it is meeting the objective for which it is formulated. The expenditure, if any, on this account would be met from the budgetary provision of the Scheme.

7. The Standing Finance Committee will review the Scheme after two years implementation for mid-course correction, if necessary.

ANNEXURE-I

FORM FOR FURNISHING UTILIZATION CERTIFICATE

Sl. No.	Letter No. & Date	Amount	Certificate
			<p>Certified that the grant-in-aid received from the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports vide their letter(s) mentioned in the margin was utilized fully/to the extent of Rs. _____ in _____ (Please mention financial year) for meeting expenditure for the purpose for which it was sanctioned, i.e.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) Sports coaching in Special Schools(ii) Purchase of Consumable/Non-Consumable Sports Equipment in Special Schools(iii) Training of Community (Level 1) Coaches(iv) Conduct _____ of District/State/National level competition.

* and the un-utilised amount of Rs. _____ has been refunded to the Central Government vide this letter no. _____ dated _____

(a) Also certified that a total expenditure of Rs. _____ was/has so far been incurred on the aforesaid purpose.

Signature
Designation
(with official seal of the Principal of the Special
School/ authorized nodal agency official).

* Strike off if not applicable.

Annexure-II

Financial Implications of the revised proposal of the Department of Sports

Components	Budget (Rs. in lakhs)					
	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	Total
1 (a) Grant for Purchase of Consumable & Non-consumable equipment in Schools (@Rs. 75,000 per school to 5 schools per annum in each State/UT	131.25	131.25	131.25	131.25	131.25	656.25
1 (b) Grant for stipend to coaches in schools (@ Rs. 10,000 per month per school to 5 schools in each State/UT	210.00	210.00	210.00	210.00	210.00	1050.00
2. Grant for training of coaches (@Rs.30,000 per district to 150 districts additively)	45.00	90.00	135.00	180.00	180.00	630.00
3. Grant for Competitions						
(a) District level (@ Rs. 1.5 lakh to 150 districts rotationally)	225.00	225.00	225.00	225.00	225.00	1125.00
(b) State level (@Rs.5 lakh per State/UT	175.00	175.00	175.00	175.00	175.00	875.00
(c) National level (Rs. 30 lakh per annum)	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	150.00
Total:	816.25	861.25	906.25	951.25	951.25	4486.25