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Sub: 116th Meeting of Finance Committee of SAI

Please find enclosed the Minutes of 116th Meeting of the Finance Committee of Sports Authority of India held on August 22, 2023 under the Chairpersonship of Smt. Sujata Chaturvedi, Secretary (Sports), Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports.

This has the approval of competent authority.

(Shailesh Rajan)

Executive Director (Finance) & Member Secretary, Finance Committee

To,

- 1 Shri Sanjay Prasad, Additional Secretary (Expenditure), Ministry of Finance, North Block, New Delhi
- 2 Shri Sandip Pradhan, Director General, SAI
- 3 Shri Manoj Sethi, JS & FA, MYAS
- 4 Shri Kunal, Joint Secretary (Sports), MYAS, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
- 5 Shri Vishnu Kant Tiwari, Secretary, SAI
- 6 Col Raj Singh Bishnoi (Retd.), Sr. Executive Director (Academics), NSNIS, Patiala

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Sports Authority of India (Finance Division)

Minutes of the 116th Meeting of the Finance Committee of Sports Authority of India held on August 22, 2023

The 116th Meeting of the Finance Committee of SAI was held on August 22, 2023 under the Chairpersonship of Smt. Sujata Chaturvedi, Secretary (Sports) in her office at Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.

The following officers attended the meeting:

1. Shri Sandip Pradhan, Director General, SAI

2. Shri Manoj Sethi, JS & FA, MYAS

3. Shri Vishnu Kant Tiwari, Secretary, SAI

4. Shri Vimal Anand, Director (Sports), MYAS

Shri Shailesh Rajan, ED (F), SAI

- Member

- Member

- Member

- Representative of JS, Sports, MYAS

- Member-Secretary

In attendance

- 1. Shri Shiv Sharma, DDG(Stadia), SAI
- 2. Shri Nidhin Jose, Assistant Director (Infrastructure)

JS & FA, MYAS represented AS (Expenditure), D/o Expenditure as per OM No. 40(01)/PFC-II/2022 dated 21.08.2023 received from the MoF, Department of Expenditure.

Col. Raj Singh Bishnoi, Sr. ED(Academics), NSNIS Patiala could not attend the meeting and was granted leave of absence.

ED, Finance, welcomed all the members and explained the agenda items. The decisions taken on the agenda items after due deliberations are as under:

Agenda Item No.1

Confirmation of the Minutes of the 115th Meeting of the Finance Committee of Sports Authority of India (SAI) held on August 9, 2023

The Minutes of the 115th Meeting of the Finance Committee were confirmed.

Agenda Item No. 2

Action Taken Report on the decisions taken in the 115th Meeting of the Finance Committee of SAI held on August 9, 2023

Noted.

Agenda Item No.3

Construction of 100 Bedded Girls Hostel at Puducherry

The Committee was informed that the 48th GB had approved the project and the Administrative Approval (A/A) of Rs.11.85 crore under the SAI Block Grants Capital Head was

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issued to M/s WAPCOS on 15/05/2017. M/s WAPCOS floated the tender and awarded the work for Rs.10,50,34,603. Furniture component was tendered separately, but was within the A/A and E/S of Rs.11.85 crore. The Hostel stands completed in 2021, and was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India. However, based on the recommendations of the local Project Management Group (PMG), (which comprises of RD and other SAI officials), additional items beyond the A/A and E/S of Rs.11.85 crore, which included expansion of kitchen area, open shade for clothes drying, watch tower for security guard, grills on ground floor windows etc. costing additional Rs.45,38,645/- were executed along with the project, as these items was found essential for a Girls' Hostel as the bare minimum and inescapable.

In this regard, it is observed that not only in this project, but in several other infrastructure projects in SAI, the local PMG, which was essentially constituted to ensure proper monitoring and timely completion of the project, has been getting extra work done and due approval of the competent authority has not been obtained prior to starting work on the additional items. This practice is not as per the established norms and needs to be completely stopped. Any additional items beyond the A/A & E/S of a project must be duly approved by the competent authority every time. The Committee, in view of the functional necessity and considering that the hostel is operational etc., recommended post facto approval of the additional work amounting to Rs.45,38,645/- (including GST and PMC charges), thus taking the total cost of Rs.11,21,06,954/- (all inclusive), for placing it before the GB of SAI. The Committee also advises DG, SAI to issue immediate instructions disbanding the PMG system and instead, putting in place a proper SOP for due monitoring and supervision of projects at the local level by the SAI officials.

Agenda Item No.4

Construction of 300 Bedded Hostel at Dr. KSSR, Tughlakabad, New Delhi

The Committee deliberated on the item and expressed displeasure over the fact that the construction agency, M/s NBCC Ltd., has finalised construction drawings duly vetted by IIT after tendering and placement of work order. The Committee is of the view that finalisation of construction drawings, necessary soil testing and other site condition evaluation is to be done before estimation and tendering.

The Committee observed that the subsequent deviations could have been avoided had M/s NBCC prepared the project estimate after vetting of drawing by IIT, soil testing etc. and observed that deviation as well as substantial increase in cost of project has also happened in other infra works being executed by M/s NBCC. DG, SAI may follow up on the matter by holding review meetings, as also by taking up the matter in writing to M/s NBCC Limited.

The Committee observed that M/s NBCC Ltd. has intimated vide its letter dated 05.06.2023, that the occurrence of deviation and inclusion of extra/substitute items is due to technical reasons (site conditions and as per finalised drawings). The deviation items and extra/substitute items are already approved in the scope of work. The said work is approved by DPAC in 2019 and is under execution.

In view of the above and with the above observations, the Committee concurred the revised cost of project at Rs. 25,49,85,318/- (inclusive all)) and recommended to place this proposal in the GB for approval.



Agenda Item No.5

Construction of 330 Bed Hostel at SAI, NSSC, Bangalore

The Committee deliberated on the item and expressed displeasure over execution of additional work on the recommendation of the local PMG without permission from competent authority. The Committee instructed that an explanation to be called from the concerned SAI Regional Director regarding these decisions and for getting execution done of work beyond the approved scope of work like construction of cement concrete road in place of bituminous road, and that the explanation may be duly examined by DG, SAI.

The Committee observed that the construction agency, M/s HSCL Ltd., vide its letter dated 14.06.2023, requested to accord approval of additional financial implication of Rs. 4,22,04,978/- for deviation, substitution and extra items. The work is now under execution.

The Committee further observed that the Bangalore Centre of SAI is a very important Centre and conducts training activities and camps throughout the year. Considering the requirement of accommodation for athletes, the 330 bedded hostel project was approved by the 54th GB in 2021. Since the project is under execution and is necessary for the development of athletes at the centre, the Committee concurred with the total cost of the project 28,72,71,779/(all inclusive) with the above observations and recommended to place this proposal in GB for approval with these observations.

In this regard, the recommendation of the Committee given at the minutes of Agenda No.3 (construction of 100 bedded Girls Hostel at Puducherry) may be referred to and followed with regard to this project also.

Agenda Item No.6

Procurement for Sports Kits/Apparels for Upcoming Khelo India Games and NCOES

The Committee concurred the proposal and recommended it to be placed before the GB for approval.

Agenda Item No.7

Utilization of unutilized infrastructure of SAI Stadia

The Committee concurred the proposal and recommended it to be placed before the GB for approval.

Other issues deliberated with the permission of the Chair

1. The Committee deliberated over the recent placement of insurance rate contract on M/s Cholamandalam at the rate of Rs. 5,390.24/- for Medical Insurance and Rs. 263.14/- for Personal Accidental Policy (total Rs. 5653.38) after obtaining the approval from the competent authority.

As per the present norms for NCoE, Rs. 5,000/- is fixed in total covering Medical Insurance, Personal Accidental Policy, Age Verification Test, OPD treatment, Misc. & contingency expenses. For STCs, it is Rs. 12,000/- in total covering Medical Insurance, Accidental Policy, Sports Kit, Competition Exposure, Educational Expenses. Hence, these norms



need to be revised/increased keeping in view the insurance contract rate, increase in cost of other elements due to inflation.

Hence, the Committee directed that a detailed agenda for revision of norms for NCoEs and STCs be placed in the next Meeting. However, in the meantime, payment for insurance may be done as per the recent rate contract finalized @ Rs.5,653.38/- (including medical insurance and accidental policy) to provide Insurance coverage to all *bonafide* players & support staffs.

2. The Committee deliberated that a consultant needs to be hired for the work related to India's possible bid to host the summer Olympics 2036. The anticipated expenditure is Rs. 02 crore (approx.) for payment to the consultant. This expenditure is to be met from the SAI IR. The Committee directed that a detail agenda for the same to be prepared for further deliberation and decision.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

(Shailesh Rajan)

ED (Finance) &

Member-Secretary, Finance Committee