Sub: 41st Meeting of the Governing Body of Sports Authority of India (SAI) - Circulation of Minutes thereof

A copy of the minutes of the 41st meeting of the Governing Body of SAI held on September 24, 2013 at 1330 hours under the Chairmanship of Shri Jitendra Singh, Hon’ble Minister of State (I/C) for Youth Affairs & Sports, is enclosed herewith.

2.0 Hindi version will follow.

To

All Members of the Governing Body of SAI

Copy to :-

(I) All officers upto the level of Director and above in SAI HQs / All Stadium Administrators

(II) Heads of all SAI Regional Centres / Sub-Centres / Academic Institutions
MINUTES OF THE 41ST MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF SPORTS AUTHORITY OF INDIA HELD IN THE CONFERENCE HALL OF SAI HQS, NEW DELHI ON SEPTEMBER 24, 2013 AT 1330 HOURS

The 41st meeting of the Governing Body (GB) of the Sports Authority of India (SAI) was held on September 24, 2013 under the Chairmanship of Shri Jitendra Singh, Hon’ble Minister of State (I/C) for Youth Affairs & Sports.

2. The list of other Members of the Governing Body, who participated is enclosed at Annexure-A.

3. At the outset, Director General, SAI welcomed the Members. Thereafter, the Agenda items were taken up for discussion and the decisions taken are indicated below against each item.

4. Leave of absence was granted by the Chairman to the following Members of the Governing Body:

   (i) Smt. Sujatha Singh, Foreign Secretary, MEA
   (ii) Shri Keshav Desi Raju, Secretary, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
   (iii) Shri Ashok Kumar, Secretary, Higher Education
   (iv) Smt. Anjuly Chib Duggal, Addl. Secretary (Expdt.), Ministry of Finance
   (v) Shri Mukul Chatterjee, I/c., LNIPE, Gwalior
   (vi) Raja Randhir Singh, Member, IOC
   (vii) Secretary General, IOA
   (viii) Smt. Ashwini Nachappa
   (ix) Shri Vidushpat Singhania
   (x) Rep. of President, CII

5. Item No. 1: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE 40TH MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF SAI HELD ON JULY 24, 2013

The minutes of the 40th meeting of the GB held on July 24, 2013 were read and confirmed. In this context, it was informed by DG, SAI that a Note has been received from Addl. Secretary (Expdt.), thereby enclosing the comments of Deptt. of Expenditure (DoE), Ministry of Finance on the various issues discussed during the last GB and FC meetings. The same was taken note of to be duly incorporated against each of the agenda items being taken up for discussion.
6. Item No. 2: ACTION TAKEN REPORT (ATR) ON THE IMPORTANT DECISIONS TAKEN IN THE 40TH MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BODY HELD ON JULY 24, 2013

6.1 While discussing the ATR, the Chairman emphasized the need to set timelines in respect of the items approved by the GB in its various meetings. Some of the items where DoE made specific observations, are as follows:

(i) Approval of Revised Estimates of Rs. 721.00 Lakh (Original Cost -- Rs. 330.00 Lakh) for laying of synthetic athletic track at SAI NERC, Imphal (Manipur)

As pointed out by DoE ibid, the approval of RE for Synthetic Track at SAI NERC, Imphal would be with the advice of IFD, MYAS.

(ii) Revised approval for the works already sanctioned related to National Games to be held in Kerala during February, 2014 at SAI LNCPE, Thiruvananthapuram (Kerala)

As pointed out by DoE, the revised approval for works already sanctioned w.r.t. National Games, 2014, Kerala would be submitted to FC for post-facto information after decision is taken by DG, SAI in consultation with IFD, MYAS.

(iii) Golden Hand Shake / Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS) in SAI

DoE has pointed out that the Draft VRS Scheme should be brought back to GB. It was informed by Secretary, SAI that the VRS Scheme for SAI employees is under preparation and will be submitted to the Governing Body.

(iv) Amendment in the Recruitment Rules (RRs) of SAI for the post of Asst. Director

As pointed out by DoE, the draft amendments in Recruitment Rules will be taken up with DoPT.

Shri Zafar Iqbal pointed out that priority should be given to the persons having sports background. Ms. Karnam Malleswari suggested that the outstanding sportspersons working with other Organizations who are willing to be associated with SAI, should also be provided an opportunity and taken on deputation. After detailed discussions, it was decided that whenever direct recruitments are made, persons with adequate sports experience may be given priority.

6.2 Regarding the observations of A.S. (Expdt.) on above referred 4 points, it was decided to adhere to these observations.
7. **Item No. 3:** CONSTRUCTION OF INDOOR HALL FOR BASKETBALL AT SAI NS NIS, PATIALA AT AN ESTIMATED COST OF RS.502.49 LAKHS

8. **Item No. 4:** CONSTRUCTION OF INDOOR HALL FOR VOLLEYBALL AT SAI NS NIS, PATIALA AT AN ESTIMATED COST OF RS.537.32 LAKHS

9. **Item No. 5:** CONSTRUCTION OF STRENGTH TRAINING HALL NEAR NEW SYNTHETIC ATHLETIC TRACK (WEST SIDE) AT SAI NS NIS, PATIALA AT AN ESTIMATED COST OF RS.224.90 LAKHS

10. **Item No. 6:** PROVIDING AND LAYING OF SYNTHETIC ATHLETIC TRACK AT SAI REGIONAL CENTRE, LUCKNOW AT AN ESTIMATED COST OF RS.762.13 LAKHS

11. **Item No. 7:** REPLACEMENT OF SYNTHETIC HOCKEY SURFACE AT SAI SOUTHERN CENTRE, BANGALORE AT AN ESTIMATED COST OF RS.571.00 LAKHS

11.1 DG, SAI informed that it has been pointed out by DoE that all the above items have been approved in the 65th FC Meeting with a non-cost escalation clause in addition to other clauses regarding availability of funds and price discovery by addressing various construction agencies in the public sector.

11.2 Subject to above, the items from 3 to 7 above were approved by GB.

**Discussions:**

JS (Development), MYAS mentioned that the possibility of creating pre-fab multi-purpose indoor halls (instead of civil construction) may be explored. In addition to being cost-effective, it will save time as well.

On a suggestion from FA(Sports) about conducting a special audit of all the infrastructure works presently underway, the Chairman desired that a brief update on all the on-going works may be prepared and submitted in the next GB meeting.
Shri Moraad Ali Khan pointed out that the estimates for above works were prepared in the year 2007 and as such, the position needs to be reviewed with regard to the level of infrastructure facilities being created, as considerable time has elapsed since then. He desired that the prioritization of all the infrastructure works to be taken up should first be decided by the GB and thereafter, be submitted to the FC for thorough scrutiny.

Shri Baichung Bhutia raised the issue regarding the quality of various synthetic turfs being created. After detailed discussion, it was decided that a Technical Committee should be constituted to decide about the turfs etc. to be laid and submit its recommendations before taking a final decision. The Committee may consist of eminent sports persons of the respective sports discipline and one or two persons from outside.

Regarding status of on-going projects, the Chairman desired that the matter be taken with the concerned construction agencies where the projects have been delayed or are lying incomplete and the status of all on-going projects be reported to the GB in its next meeting.

12. **Item No. 8:** CREATION OF INDOOR LEARNERS' POOL AT DR. SHYAMA PRASAD MUKHERJEE SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX AT THE ESTIMATED COST OF RS.422.50 LAKHS

12.1 Approved, with the direction that the construction of proposed facilities on PPP basis should be explored first. It was observed that the revenue stream generated would pay for capital expenditure and exceed maintenance expenditure.

12.2 **Swimming Pool (Kiddies’ Pool) at Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium, New Delhi**

The Chairman desired that the Swimming Pool (Kiddies’ Pool) at Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium, New Delhi should also be revived.

(ii) **Pertaining to Other Items**

13. **Item No. 9:** ESTABLISHMENT OF SPECIAL AREA GAMES (SAG) CENTRE AT CHURACHANDPUR (MANIPUR) AT AN ESTIMATED COST OF RS.133.60 LAKHS

13.1 The proposal was approved by the Governing Body, subject to adhering the observations made by DoE regarding approval of the Lease Deed by IFD of MYAS.
13.2 The Chairman desired that the Centre may concentrate on indigenous games specific to the area.

13.3. At the same time, restructuring of STC and SAG Schemes be also done by a duly constituted Committee and the recommendations thereof be placed before the next Governing Body Meeting. The Committee will inter alia conduct the audit of all these Centres in the first instance and thereafter, come up with a new concept. While doing so, it will also suggest about the Centres which need to be closed in view of their dismal performance or so. A presentation on the above may be made in the next GB.

14. Item No. 10: CONSENT OF SAI IN THE APPROVAL OF SPACE TO OUTSIDE BODIES IN THE STADIA PREMISES IN DELHI

14.1 The proposal was approved taking into account the comments received from DoE. After discussion, it was decided that a Committee comprising the following be formed to examine all the proposals received for renting out of vacant space and generation of revenue, and submit the same to Chairman for ratification, in the subsequent GB meeting:-

(i) DG, SAI : Chairman
(ii) Shri Malav Sharoff : Member
(iii) Shri Viren Rasquinha : Member
(iv) Shri Mustafa Ghouse : Member
(v) ED (Finance), SAI : Member

14.2 The Committee is empowered to take all decisions pertaining to renting out vacant space in the stadia and in the Regional Centres, if any, and generation of revenue.

15. Item No. 11: REVISION OF TARIFF FOR SPORTS HOSTEL IN J.N. STADIUM (JNS) AND I.G. STADIUM (IGS)

Approved.

PART – B
[Items with remarks/observations of the Finance Committee]

16. Item No. 12: ESTABLISHMENT OF SAI TRAINING CENTRE AT MAHE (PUDUCHERRY)

Approved, subject to the Lease Deed appropriately protecting SAI’s interests having been approved by IFD of MYAS.
17. **Item No. 13: SETTING UP OF 27 ADDITIONAL CENTRES OF ARMY BOYS SPORTS COMPANIES (ABSCs) IN COLLABORATION WITH INDIAN ARMY**

17.1 On the basis of the suggestions received from DoE, the point-wise clarification is submitted below :-

(i) **Extension of the scheme to include Class XI & XII would have further financial implications. The same is not provided separately.**

The trainees studying in Class XI & XII are provided boarding, lodging, sports equipment, education expenses, medical, insurance cover, etc. As on the date, the expenses in respect of hiring of tutor upto Class X are borne by the Army authorities. Hiring of additional teachers for Class XI and XII (45 ABSC Centres), a minimum of 2 teachers per ABSC per year @ Rs. 8,000/- per month, will cost Rs. 16,000/- per month per ABSC. An amount of Rs. 7,20,000/- per month for 45 ABSCs (which was inadvertently mentioned as Rs. 7,20,000/- per annum in the agenda) is required, totalling to Rs. 79,20,000/- (Rs. 7,20,000/- x 11 months).

(ii) **As Army is supposed to provide for infrastructure & sports facilities, one time grant for same @ Rs. 81 lakh is not justified.**

As per decision of the 15th meeting of the Governing Body of SAi held on January 18, 1991, one time grant for creation and development of infrastructure and purchase of essential sports equipments upto a maximum of Rs. 3.00 Lakhs per Centre are to be provided by SAi. For setting up of 27 additional Centres of ABSCs, an amount of Rs. 81 Lakhs is therefore justified as this is as per the existing policy of the scheme.

(iii) **The same should be within the total envelope of funds available for SAi. It is to be kept in mind that no additional funds would be forthcoming.**

May require additional funds.

17.2 The proposal was approved. However, the suggestions made by DoE will be kept in mind.
13. Item No. 14: SETTING UP OF 7 CENTRES OF EXCELLENCE (COEs) IN COLLABORATION WITH INDIAN ARMED FORCES:

13.1 On the basis of the suggestions received from DoE, the point-wise clarification is submitted below:

(i) SAI should provide the list of places other than ASI, Pune, where it proposes to establish COEs.

   - 58, Gorkha Training Centre, Shillong (Archery & Boxing)
   - 11, Gorkha Rifles Regt. Centre, Lucknow (Shooting)
   - Raj Rif Regtl Centre, Delhi Cantt. (Athletics & Boxing)
   - Jat Regt Centre, Bareilly (Wrestling)
   - Bihar Regt Centre, Danapur (Hockey)
   - Arty. Centre, Hyderabad (Boxing & Athletics)

(ii) Whether any non-recurring expenditure on infrastructure etc. is involved.

The Army authorities will project the requirement of additional funds, if any, for development of infrastructure and sports facilities, to SAI. The SAI will provide funds for upgradation of infrastructure on case to case basis in consultation with the Army. The Army and SAI through mutual consultations, will ensure availability of adequate funds (The MoU with Army has not been finalized till date).

(iii) Para 2 gives the recurring cost per annum per trainee for the existing COEs, whereas para 6 gives a figure of Rs. 89,250/- as recurring expenditure per person/ per year.

Para 2 contains the details of admissible facilities provided to COE Residential and Non-residential trainees, whereas in para 6, an amount of Rs. 89,250/- `is the total amount provided to residential trainees which includes boarding/lodging @ Rs. 225/- per head per day for 330 days in a year and Rs. 15,000/- per head per annum towards sports kit, competition exposure, medical expenses, insurance cover and other expenses, totalling to Rs. 89,250/- per trainee per annum.

(iv) Proposed sharing of cost with Army, if any.

The draft MoU is yet to be approved.

13.2 The proposal was approved. However, the suggestions made by DoE will be kept in mind.
19. **Item No. 15**: SIGNING OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MoU) BETWEEN SPORTS AUTHORITY OF INDIA (SAI) AND ARMED FORCES MEDICAL COLLEGE (AFMC), PUNE

Approved.

20. **Item No. 16**: PROPOSAL FOR PURCHASE OF RESIDENTIAL FLATS AT CWG VILLAGE AND EAST KIDWAI NAGAR

20.1 As per the comments received from DoE, “It is to be ascertained whether SAI’s employees are entitled to Govt. accommodation. If not, then it may not be desirable to spend funds meant to promote sports on non-sports items.”

20.2 SAI employees are not entitled for Govt. accommodation. In view of huge cost involved and above observations of DoE, the proposal was not agreed to.

**PART – D**

[Items approved on file by the Chairman, Governing Body, subject to clearance from Finance Committee/ratification by Governing Body]

21. **Item No. 17**: CONSTRUCTION OF TRANSIT ACCOMMODATION FOR THE ALLOTTEES OF NATIONAL STADIUM BARRACKS AND KIDDIES POOL AT MAJ. DHYAN CHAND NATIONAL STADIUM (MDCNS), NEW DELHI AT AN ESTIMATED COST OF RS.455.86 LAKHS

Deferred. It was decided that as per the directions of Finance Committee in its 65th meeting, the proposal would be moved on file to Department of Expenditure with inputs on the opportunity cost of the land and other relevant facts. In this regard, the Chairman desired that the proposal needs to be expedited.

22. **Item No. 18**: ENGAGEMENT OF HR EXPERT FOR COMPETENCY MODELING, PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AND CAPACITY BUILDING, JOB FITMENT AND EMPLOYEE RECORD DIGITALIZATION ETC.

Withdrawn.
23. Item No. 1: APPOINTMENT OF GOVERNMENT OBSERVERS (GOs) AND THE REPORT OF WORKING GROUP

Some important issues have been flagged in the agenda item for making the system of GOs more objective and result-oriented. It was deliberated in detail and decided that the matter may be referred to a Committee for further deliberations and the Committee may include Secretary, SAI, Director(Sports), MYAS, Director(TEAMS) and Director(Pers. & Coaching) from SAI. The report of the Committee may be put up to GB.

24. Item No. 2: DELEGATION OF POWERS TO DG, SAI TO APPROVE THE HOLDING OF NON-SPORTS EVENTS IN SAI ESTABLISHMENTS (EXCLUDING DELHI STADIA) UNDER ITS ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS, REGIONAL CENTRES AND SUB-CENTRES ETC., ALL OVER INDIA

24.1 Approved. A high-power committee of following officials was constituted to take appropriate steps for increasing revenue from various other sources, besides Stadia.

- Director General, SAI: Chairman
- Shri Malav Shroff: Member
- Shri Viren Rasquinha: Member
- Shri Mustafa Ghouse: Member
- ED (Finance), SAI: Member

25. Thereafter, a presentation was made by DG, SAI on the way forward for SAI highlighting the initiatives taken and the next steps to be taken.

26. This was followed by a presentation on Recruitment of Coaches, by Shri Malav Shroff. The GB decided to refer these recommendations of the Committee to a departmental committee to be nominated by DG, SAI for further examination.

27. Another presentation was made by Shri Boria Mazumdar wherein the role of positive media publicity was emphasized. He further suggested that social media like Twitter, Facebook, U-tube channels be used for positive publicity by all Members of GB. The Chairman directed that Media Cell be strengthened and a Media Plan be implemented.

28. The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to and from the Chair.
### List of Participants

1. Shri P.K. Deb, Secretary (Sports)  
   Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports  
   - Ex-officio Member

2. Shri Jiji Thomson, Director General  
   Sports Authority of India (SAI)  
   - Ex-officio Member

3. Smt. Sujata Prasad  
   Financial Advisor (Sports)  
   Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports  
   - Ex-officio Member

4. Shri O. Kedia, Joint Secretary (Sports)  
   Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports  
   - Ex-officio Member

5. Dr. G.S.G. Ayyangar, Joint Secretary (Development)  
   Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports  
   - Ex-officio Member

6. Shri Rajpal Singh  
   Joint Director, FICCI  
   - Rep. of President, FICCI

7. Dr. Gurdeep Singh, Deputy Secretary  
   Association of Indian Universities (AIU)  
   - Rep. of Secretary General, AIU

8. Shri Zafar Iqbal (Hockey)  
   - Member

9. Ms. K. Malleswari (Weightlifting)  
   - Member

10. Shri Baichung Bhutia (Football)  
    - Member

11. Shri Malav Shroff (Yachting)  
    - Member

12. Shri Boria Majumdar, Sports Journalist  
    - Member

13. Shri Moraad Ali Khan (Shooting)  
    - Member

14. Shri Viren Rasquinha, Olympic Gold Quest  
    - Member

15. Shri Mustafa Ghouse, JSW  
    - Member

16. Shri Hira Ballabh, Secretary, SAI  
    - Member-Secretary