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**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports**

**Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi-110001**

**Dated the 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2017**

**Subject :- MINUTES OF THE MEETING CHAIRED BY SECRETARY (SPORTS) ON 10/11/2017 AT 4.00 P.M. REGARDING PREPARATION OF ASIAN GAMES.**

**The undersigned is directed to forward herewith a copy of the Minutes of the aforesaid meeting for information and taking necessary action.**

  
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**Copy to:-**

- 1. DDG, SAI, New Delhi**
- 2. ED (Teams), SAI, New Delhi.**
- 3. PS to Secretary (sports).**
- 4. All Participating federations.**

**Minutes of meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2017 in the chamber of Secretary (Sports) to discuss preparations made by five (5) NSFs for Asian Games, 2018.**

Secretary (Sports) chaired the meeting. List of participants is annexed.

2. The disciplines which were considered in connection with preparations for Asian Games are: - (i) Pencak Silat; (ii) Ten-Pin Bowling; (iii) Sport Climbing; (iv) Karate; and (v) Soft Tennis. NSFs in-charge of these disciplines explained the preparations made by them for Asian Games and also intimated the strength of the Indian contingent. These are recorded below in a tabular statement format:-

S.No	Name of Federation/ Association	Observation
1.	Indian Pencak Silat Federation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are 16 (sixteen) events under "Pencak Silat" discipline in Asian Games.</li> <li>• India is ranked 5 (five) and hence qualified to participate in Asian Games as per criteria laid down by the Government.</li> <li>• There are 16 (sixteen) events; one athlete will be sent for each event. Thus, size of the Indian contingent will be sixteen (16).</li> <li>• Athletes participated only in 10 (ten) events in the last Asian Cup as, no preparations were made for the remaining 6 (six) events.</li> <li>• Services of best coaches from Indonesia are being utilized to train Indian athletes.</li> <li>• For test events, full team consisting of 16(sixteen) athletes will be sent to Jakarta, prior to Asian Games.</li> <li>• Three (3) proposals of "exposure" for Asian Games' probables have been sent to SAI.</li> <li>• Federation at their own cost would participate in Singapore Championships to be held from 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov 2017 to 1<sup>st</sup> Dec. 2017.</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Federation informed that for training purpose, they need infrastructural facilities available at SAI Centers. For holding camps, they need Patiala Centre; if not available, any Centre in Maharashtra could be provided. 64(sixty four) players would attend camps.</li> </ul>
2.	Ten-Pin Bowling Federation of India	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Indian contingent consists of 6 (six) athletes only.</li> <li>• There are three events in men category in Asian Games. Federation has identified 20 (twenty) core probables, out of which, based on performance, 10(ten) core probables would be selected for Asian Games.</li> <li>• Private facility for holding camps is available at Bengaluru.</li> <li>• The Indian team won bronze medal in the recently conducted Asian Indoor &amp; Martial Arts Games at Ashgabat, Turkmenistan.</li> <li>• Federation has invested on training of core-probables and for engaging coaches.</li> <li>• The competition in Asian Championships was stronger than in Asian Games because oceanic countries participate in that.</li> <li>• In the last Asian Championship, in men's singles, one Silver medal was won.</li> <li>• Federation has already appointed a coach from Australia and his salary is being paid by them.</li> <li>• Govt. support is required in deputing the team to participate in crucial events before the Asian Games.</li> </ul>
3.	Indian Sport Climbing Federation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In the last Asian Games, "Sport Climbing" was not included.</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This time 4 (four) men and 4 (four) women would participate in Asian Games. There are very good chances of winning a medal.</li> <li>• A National Camp with 16 (sixteen) players will be held either at Bengaluru (Thimmaiya Foundation) or at Delhi. Out of 60 players, 20 players will be short-listed and finally 10 (ten) among them, performing well, would be selected to participate in Asian Games.</li> <li>• In Asian Games, it is country quota. Out of 20 (twenty) potential-athletes, 10 (ten) best performing athletes will be sent to Asian Games.</li> <li>• Target for Asian Games is 4 (four) Gold medals.</li> <li>• Federation has Indian coaches. However, there is a need for a foreign coach. A Russian coach has already been identified and Govt. support is required to appoint him.</li> <li>• Federation has with several facilities in 6 zones for training of athletes. One such facility is in Delhi.</li> <li>• State Governments and several schools have built climbing walls. Those are all being utilized.</li> <li>• In the last 3 (three) years, the Federation has been participating in Sr. Youth Asian Championships.</li> <li>• Under Secretary (Sports) informed that Indian Sport Climbing Federation is not a recognized Federation.</li> </ul>
4	Karate Association of India	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is no individual ranking in Asian Games; World ranking only counts.</li> <li>• 45 countries participate in Asian Games. There are 13 medals of each Gold, Silver and Bronze at stake.</li> </ul>

		<p>Men events are seven and women events are six.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quota for India is for 4 (four) Men and 4 (four) Women. Therefore, Indian contingent will have eight Karate players. Medal-target is two (2) Silver and two Bronze.</li> <li>• Selection of probables will be on the basis of competitions between Gold and Silver medalists of KAI Junior (under 21 years) and Senior National Championships, 2017.</li> <li>• Training camp will be held for 40 days; 10 days each at Bhopal, Bhubaneshwar, Chennai and Delhi. 48 children (boys and girls) will attend the camp.</li> <li>• National Tournament will be held at Kolkata on 13th and 14th Jan. 2018. There is a National Coach, one (1) Assistant Coach from SAI. Federation has identified some Foreign Coaches. If Government funds, one foreign coach can be engaged for training of the athletes.</li> <li>• Before Asian Games, 2 (two) Asian Championships – one in Japan in May, 2018 and the other in Dubai in July, 2018 would be held.</li> <li>• In the Commonwealth Karate Championship held in the year 2015, India got 1<sup>st</sup> position. However, in the 2010 Asian Games, there was no medal -winning performance and 2014 Asian Games the team could not participate.</li> <li>• With the help of Govt. of Madhya Pradesh, an Academy has already been established at Bhopal. Therefore, there is no need for additional infrastructure facilities.</li> </ul>
5.	Amateur Soft Tennis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Federation informed that Govt. of Gujarat has provided Tennis courts at Ahmedabad, for holding camps.</li> </ul>

	Association of India.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SAI may provide one foreign exposure for Germany for 6 (six) boys and 6 (six) girls with 2 coaches.</li> <li>• No need for SAI coaches and foreign coach.</li> <li>• A total of 10 athletes would participate in Asian Games.</li> </ul>
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3. Under Secretary (Sports) informed that out of the 5 (five) Federations Indian Sport Climbing Federation is not recognized. The other 4 (four) Federations are under "Others" category, where no funding is provided by Govt. He also informed that selection criteria for all sports are:-

- (i) In team events India should have achieved 8<sup>th</sup> position in the last Asian Games; and
- (ii) In individual events, the athlete should have obtained 6<sup>th</sup> position in the last Asian Games. Measurable time is also taken into consideration.

4. ED (Teams) SAI, mentioned that they have made some preliminary assessment based on which Karate, Paencak Silat & Ten-Pin Bowling have scope of higher performance and they may be supported by Government. Regarding the remaining two disciplines viz. Soft Tennis & Sport Climbing, SAI need to gather more inputs before making any recommendations.

5. Secretary (Sports) observed that:-

- SAI should get whatever additional information is necessary to finalize their recommendation support to be given by the Government.
- Federations should send only those athletes, who can put up a good performance and win medals.
- In country-wise quota sports, SAI should consider whether in this regard, full contingent in such sports may be allowed at the cost of regular medal-winning sports like Shooting, Boxing, Wrestling, Weightlifting, Badminton etc. Their inputs should be submitted to the Competent Authority for consideration.
- In regard to exposures, Govt. would consider to meet expenditure on coaches and Federations should meet expenditure on support staff. Each Federation should have facility of its own, instead of relying on Private facilities.

- Services of SAI coaches should be made available to the Federations, whenever required.
- Federations should utilize the time available between now and Asian Games in preparing the athletes to put medal-winning performance and bring laurels to the country.
- The number of slots available to Federations is limited. Therefore, Federations should make a realistic assessment and provide details of medal prospects to Project Officer concerned. Project Officer would undertake proper scrutiny of the number of medal prospects and propose the same for consideration of the Competent Authority.

6. No other matter was there for discussion. Therefore, meeting concluded with thanks to the Chair.

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**Annexure**

**MEETING UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF SECRETARY (SPORTS) ON  
10/11/2017 REGARDING PREPARATION OF ASIAN GAMES.**

**List of Participants**

<b>S.No.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Designation/Federation</b>
1.	Sh. Rahul Bhatnagar,	Secretary Sports – In Chair
2.	Sh. Sandip Pradhan,	DDG, SAI
3.	Sh. A. K. Patro	Under Secretary, D/O Sports
4.	Sh. Jaspal Singh	Indian Pencak Silat Federation
5.	Sh. M. Iqbal	Indian Pencak Silat Federation
6.	Sh. Bharat Sharma	Karate Association of India
7.	Sh. Aniket Gupta	Karate Association of India
8.	Mr. J.K. Khodadhara	Amateur Soft Tennis Federation of India
9.	Sh. S. S. Sandhu	Indian Mountaineering Foundation
10.	Wg Cdr Amit Chowdhury (Retd)	Indian Mountaineering Foundation
11.	Sh. R. Kannan	Ten-pin Bowling Federation of India
12.	Sh. N. Ganapthi	Consultant, SAI
13.	Sh. Veerinder Pratap	PO(Teams), SAI
14.	Sh. P. K. Sahu	PO(Teams), SAI
15.	Sh. L. M. Joshi	PO(Teams), SAI