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To

Principal Secretary/Secretary in charge of Sports of States/UTs
Secretary of Sports Authority/Sports Council of States/UTs

Subject: Khelo India – National Programme for Development of Sports – Issue of amendment.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to refer to this Ministry's letter of even. No. dated 22nd April, 2016 enclosing therewith a copy of the scheme, 'Khelo India - National Programme for Development of Sports', as approved by the competent authority, and to state that following amendment to the scheme has been approved by the competent authority:

Existing Para No. 3.2.1 of the scheme may be substituted as under:

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<p>3.2.1 Competition: Competition structure should cover the whole of India. The competition will be held at Block/District/State and National level. The games/sports which are popular in a particular area shall be played as part of the competition at Block/District/State level. The competitions will be conducted in respect of five distinct age groups, namely, age above 6 -under 12, above 12 -under 18, above 18- under 36, above 36-under 50 and above 50. The competitions above the age group of 36 are proposed keeping in mind the general health and wellbeing of adult population so that overall economy of the country gets a boost due to reduction of lifestyle and other diseases like obesity, diabetes etc. by adopting the physical activities and participation in these sports competitions.</p>	<p>3.2.1 Competition: Competition structure should cover the whole of India. The competition will be held at Block/District/State and National level. The games/sports which are popular in a particular area shall be played as part of the competition at Block/District/State level. The competitions will be conducted in three age categories viz, (i) Sub Junior (ii) Junior and (iii) Senior. The age categories prescribed in the rules of the games of the concerned sports disciplines will be applicable. States may also conduct competitions for veterans (age group of 40 plus) at District and State level in the number of disciplines to be decided by them.</p>

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There shall be a separate set of competitions for physically challenged candidates. The competitions will be 100% funded by Centre and it will be Central Sector Scheme. However, States or Sports Federations and Sporting Organizations will be associated in obtaining the assistance from them as regards availability of land, playfields, manpower, infrastructure etc., in conducting the competitions. The competition component itself will involve an expenditure of the order of Rs. 1885 crore, if the scale of expenditure on Gujarat Khelmahakumbh is adopted as a guiding principle and also on the basis of proper arrangement of sports competitions at various levels. In view of constraint of availability of funds, an amount of Rs. 230 crore is earmarked for competitions for 2016-17 with an overall allocation for the programme Khelo India at Rs. 500 crores. However, with a view to popularize sports and organize quality competitions, the scale of expenditure will have to be revised to at least Rs. 1200 to Rs. 1500 crores in subsequent financial years. Sports has been promoted in a huge manner by developed economies as well as Brazil, Russia and China. Russia continues to do well in sporting area and China has been doing exceedingly well at International level. Sports has been promoted in the same way as education contributing to their economies. Promotion of sports will have good impact not only on individuals but also on Indian economy in a positive manner. Promotion of sporting culture among young Indians will also help in universalisation of education.

The competitions above the age group of 40 are proposed keeping in mind the general health and wellbeing of adult population so that overall economy of the country gets a boost due to reduction of lifestyle diseases and other diseases like obesity, diabetes etc. by adopting the physical activities and participation in these sports competitions. There shall be a separate set of competitions for physically challenged candidates. The competitions will be 100% funded by Centre and it will be Central Sector Scheme. However, States or Sports Federations and Sporting Organizations will be associated in obtaining the assistance from them as regards availability of land, playfields, manpower, infrastructure etc., in conducting the competitions. The organizers at all levels will be free to bring in sponsors who may contribute both financially and in kind towards successful conduct of competitions. The competition component itself will involve an expenditure of the order of Rs. 1885 crore, if the scale of expenditure on Gujarat Khelmahakumbh is adopted as a guiding principle and also on the basis of proper arrangement of sports competitions at various levels. In view of constraint of availability of funds, an amount of Rs. 230 crore is earmarked for competitions for 2016-17 with an overall allocation for the programme Khelo India at Rs. 500 crores. However, with a view to popularize sports and organize quality competitions, the scale of expenditure will have to be revised to at least Rs. 1200 to Rs. 1500 crores in subsequent financial years. Sports has been promoted in a huge manner by developed economies as well as Brazil, Russia and China. Russia continues to do well in sporting area and China has been doing exceedingly well at International level. Sports has been promoted in the same way as education contributing to their economies.

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There is no denying of the fact of the positive impact of sports on health of individuals which not only boosts the economy but also helps to save tremendous health care cost. Sporting activity is contributing to Indian economy both directly and indirectly by way of promotion of healthy lifestyles. Thus, it is imperative that sports promotion is treated as a 'public good' at par with education and health by the State.

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Yours faithfully,



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