



F.No.94-3/2015-SP-I
Government of India
Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports
Department of Sports

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated the 1st July, 2016.

ORDER

Sub: Restoration of Recognition to the Paralympic Committee of India (PCI) as the National Sports Federation for Promotion of Sports amongst the Physically Challenged Sports persons in the Country.

The issue of grant of recognition to a duly constituted National Sports Federation representing Paralympic Games in India was under consideration by the Government for some time.

2. In April, 2015 the International Paralympic Committee (the international body responsible for promotion of sports among para athletes to which PCI is affiliated) suspended PCI with immediate effect for an unlimited period of time. Government of India also suspended PCI vide its letter dated 22nd April, 2015 and the annual recognition for the year 2016 was not granted to it.

3. Subsequently, Ministry keeping in mind the interest of para-athletes of the country took up the matter with IPC regarding participation of Indian para-athletes in various IPC sanctioned tournaments and requested that Sports Authority of India be allowed to look after the affairs/interest of para-athletes including fielding of Indian teams in various IPC sanctioned sports events to which IPC agreed.

4. The Ministry was informed that PCI was conducting an Extraordinary General Body Meeting on 8th October, 2015 at Hotel Rajhans, Surajkund (NCR Delhi) for holding fresh elections to the executive body of PCI. Government was also requested to depute an Observer to the said elections. An Observer was deputed to the said elections of PCI who in his report informed that elections were conducted under the supervision of Justice Dr. Satish Chandra (former Judge of

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Allahabad High Court) as Returning Officer and Shri Anirudh Singhal, observer from the International Paralympic Committee. IPC was informed about the said elections and report of the Government observer was also sent to them. Also, a delegation comprising Joint Secretary (Sports) and Director General, Sports Authority of India held a meeting with the officials of IPC in Bonn on 24th May, 2016.

5. IPC vide its letter dated 31st May, 2016 and letter dated 03.06.2016 decided to lift the suspension of PCI and confirmed recognition of the newly elected office bearers of PCI led by Mr. Rao Inderjit Singh.

6. PCI has also informed vide its letter dated 26.10.2015 that the Registrar of Societies has accepted the elections of its body held on 08.10.2015 where the office bearers led by Mr. Rao Inderjit Singh were elected. A copy of the acceptance by the Registrar of Societies, Bangalore has also been furnished.

7. Taking all relevant and material facts into consideration and due examination of the various issues involved as enumerated aforesaid this Ministry is of the considered view that there are just and sufficient grounds to grant recognition to PCI by lifting the suspension so that a National Sports Federation (NSF) for para athletes is put in place. Ministry vide its letter dated 8th June, 2016 sought the details of office bearers of PCI elected on 08.10.2015. After examining the details and in view of the fact that the Federation has conducted the election as per the National Sports Development Code of India, 2011 and the Govt. Observer has informed that the elections were held in a free, fair and peaceful manner as per laid down procedures under the Sports Code, the elections held by PCI on 08-10-2015 at Surajkund, Faridabad are considered as valid.

8. Thus, based on the results of the elections of PCI held on 08.10.2015 Government hereby restores recognition to Paralympic Committee of India as a National Sports Federation for promotion of sports amongst the physically challenged sports persons in the Country. The details of following office bearers are noted in the records of the Ministry:-

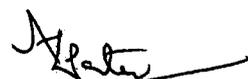
President	Shri Rao Inderjit Singh (1 st tenure)
Secretary General	Shri J. Chandrashekar (2 nd Tenure)
Treasurer	Shri Dinesh Kumar Upadhyay (1 st Tenure)

9. Further, it has been noticed that the elections of Shri S.P.Sangwan, Vice President and Shri Girraj Singh, Executive Committee Member are not valid as per Sports Code as they do not fulfil the criteria of tenure clause of office bearers

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related to Government Servants. As per the provisions of the Sports Code, Government employees (State/Central) can hold any elective post in District/State/National level sports bodies for one term or four years whichever is less. While Shri S.P.Sangwan has been elected to an elective post for the 2nd term, Shri Girraj Singh has held an elective post in the Sate body of PCI. Hence, their elections can not be held as valid as per the provisions of the Sports Code. Hence, they may be asked to demit the office. PCI, if it so desires, may fill up the posts vacated by them as per the provisions of the National Sports Development Code of India.

Yours faithfully,



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1. PS to Hon'ble MOS (I/C) Youth Affairs & Sports.
2. PPS to Secretary (Sports)
3. Mr. Xavier Gonzalez, CEO , International Paralympic Committee, Bonn, Germany.
4. Director (Finance)/ Director (Sports-I) / Director (Sports-II).
5. Director (Commercial), Railway Traffic, Ministry of Railways.
6. Secretary, Railway Sports Promotion Board.
7. US (SP-II & IV) / US (ID) / US(ISD).
8. Section Officer (SP-II)/ (SP-III)/ (SP-IV)/ (SP-V)/ (SP-VI)/ (Fin.).
9. NIC, MYAS for placing the same on the website of the Ministry.