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Department of Sports

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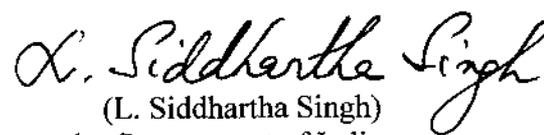
**Sub: National Sports Development Code of India, 2011 – inclusion of relaxation provision - regarding**

The National Sports Development Code of India, 2011 (Sports Code) has been in force since 31.01.2011. The Government has also, from time to time, issued certain other guidelines and instructions with regard to governance and management of Indian Olympic Association (IOA) and National Sports Federations (NSFs). It has been decided to add the following relaxation clause provision at No. 16 under the Heading of Relaxation Clause of the Sports Code 2011 at page 32:

***Relaxation clause:***

***“Government shall have the power to relax any of the provisions of the National Sports Development Code of India, 2011 and other instructions issued with regard to recognition of National Sports Federations (NSFs), renewal of recognition of NSFs on annual basis and governance and management of Indian Olympic Association (IOA) and NSFs, as a special exemption where considered necessary and expedient for the promotion of sports, sportspersons or to remove difficulties in giving true effect to that particular provision of the Sports Code, always being guided by and not inconsistent with the overarching spirit of good governance and ethical conduct enshrined in the Sports Code 2011. The reasons for such relaxation shall be recorded in writing. Power to relax the provisions will vest with Minister In-charge of the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports.”***

2. This issues with the approval of Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Youth Affairs & Sports.

  
(L. Siddhartha Singh)

Joint Secretary to the Government of India

To

1. President/Secretary General, Indian Olympic Association
2. President/Secretary General, recognized National Sports Federations
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