

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

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**REPORT ON THE VISIT OF SECRETARY (SPORTS)-CUM-DG SAI ON 14TH &
15TH MARCH, 2017 TO KOLKATA**

14.03.2017 (Tuesday):

1) Discussion with State Govt. officials

I had a meeting with the Chief Secretary and the Principal Secretary (Sports), Govt. of West Bengal. The following issues were discussed and the decisions arrived at:-

- 1.1. The Govt. of West Bengal has recently given their Sports Complex at Jalpaiguri to SAI on long-term basis (30-year period) to conduct sports promotion and development activities in different sport disciplines. This complex has multiple facilities including an indoor hall, a football ground and a swimming pool. It was decided to take it up as a major centre for talent identification and development. Since it has high quality infrastructure including hostel facility, it was agreed in principle to shift the training programme being run at Siliguri, to Jalpaiguri, apart from fresh induction.

Director In-charge, Kolkata, was advised to work out additional requirement of coaches, support staff and budget after duly factoring what is already available from the existing resources with the Regional office. It was also agreed in principle that the Regional Football Academy located at Kolkata may temporarily be shifted to Jalpaiguri till completion of FIFA U-17 World Cup tournament in 2017.

Action: Director In-charge, SAI Kolkata

- 1.2. The Chief Secretary and Addl. Chief Secretary (Home), Govt. of West Bengal, referred to a proposal submitted recently to the SAI Regional Office for construction of an under-pass near Beliaghata, for which about 93.5 sq.mt. of land would be required to be spared from the SAI campus.

It was agreed to make available the land; however, since the hostel for the proposed National Table Tennis Academy which was planned to be located there has to be re-located, the State Govt. may be requested to spare some land in the Salt Lake Complex for this purpose. Director in-charge, SAI Kolkata was advised to make a specific proposal in this regard and pursue the matter with the State Govt.

Action: Director In-charge, SAI Kolkata

- 1.3. Principal Secretary (Sports) mentioned that 16 proposals have been submitted for funding under "Khelo India", and requested for early consideration. He was advised to review the same and indicate 2 to 3 proposals on high priority basis which can be considered for approval.

Action: Principal Secretary (Sports), Govt. of West Bengal

- 1.4. Principal Secretary (Sports) expressed the desire of the State Govt. to host major international tournaments and requested that whenever such opportunities arise, they may be informed to consider hosting of such event(s).

Action: ED (T), SAI

- 1.5. Principal Secretary (Sports) handed over a copy of the earlier communication from the State Govt. regarding reimbursement of expenses for conduct of competitions under RGKA 2015-16. The papers have been sent to JS (Development), MYAS for examination and necessary action.

Action: JS (Development), MYAS, Gol

15.03.2017 (Wednesday):

2) Discussion with Director In-charge, SAI Kolkata

Director In-charge, SAI Kolkata raised the following issues :-

- 2.1 He informed that they were yet to receive Rs. 2.65 crore towards implementation of SAI sports promotional schemes for the current financial year. Apart from that, he mentioned about non-receipt of funds for various special events they were asked to conduct like 'Run for Rio,' 'Republic Day Run' etc. These may be looked into & put up on file.

Action: ED(Finance) / RD(Coord.)

- 2.2 He also raised the issues relating to regularization of the services of Shri Lohit Kumar AR in the vacant post of DEO, who is looking after the accounts work. He informed that Shri Lohit has been working on contract basis since 1996. Personnel Division may examine this matter on priority & put up on file.

Action: Secretary, SAI / RD(Pers.)

- 2.3 Other issue raised by him was with respect to arrear payment to Dr. P.K. Ramesh, Scientific officer, in order to comply with the orders of the Court. This matter may be examined on priority, as it may attract contempt proceedings.

Action: Secretary, SAI / RD(Pers.)

- 2.4 He also brought to my notice an issue regarding delay in final payment of GPF to Shri A.K. Nandan who retired recently as Dy. Director. As I was informed that the demand draft was not received by the officer and on inquiry, it was found that it was encashed somewhere in Tamil Nadu. Since the officer in question was not at fault, we should settle his dues without further delay, and separately lodge an FIR and pursue the matter relating to fraudulent encashment of the demand draft by some unknown person. The papers submitted by him in this regard are being sent to Director (Fin.) for examination and necessary action.

Action: ED(Finance) / Director(Finance)

- 2.5 Director in-charge informed that he is yet to receive approval of the HQs regarding engagement of the newly approved security agency. This matter may be put up on file without delay by Operations Divisions.

Action: ED (Operations)

- 2.6 Dr. Reena Kaul, Scientific Officer (Psychology), gave some papers regarding requirement of Research Fellows in Psychology and comments on selection of psychological tests for induction / weeding out of trainees. The papers submitted by him in this regard are being sent to SSO, Dr. Meenu Dhingra, for examination and comments on file.

Action: SSO, Dr. Meenu Dhingra

- 2.7 Director in-charge has strongly recommended to appoint Shri Sanjib Pal, Retired Football Coach on contract basis in view of his sincerity & competence and requirement in the Regional Centre. The same was agreed to in principle.

Action: Director(Coaching

3) Inspection of sports infrastructure at SAI Regional Centre, Kolkata

I inspected the existing sports infrastructure and new projects under construction in the Regional Centre complex. The following observations are made in this regard :-

- 3.1 The flooring of the indoor training complex has been finally completed by CPWD and Gymnastics, Badminton and Table Tennis training was on. The hall requires some more renovation work, such as, internal / external painting, minor repair of roof to plug leakage, etc. CPWD was requested to complete the works on priority.

Action: SE (Infra.) / Director in-charge, SAI Kolkata

- 3.2 I visited the site on which a 100-bedded hostel was planned for CWG-2010 training. This project ran into dispute and is lying incomplete for the last many years. The matter is currently under litigation. I advised CPWD authorities to take immediate steps for eviction of the said order so that the work can commence. I also advised them to clear the site which is full of wild vegetation.

Action: SE (Infra.) / Director in-charge, SAI Kolkata

- 3.3 I visited the synthetic athletic track as well as the hockey turf. Both these have outlived their useful life and need replacement as per report of Director (Infra.). These should be taken up on priority in SAI Infrastructure Plan for F.Y. 2017-18. Director (Infra) may submit his report on file along with estimates for replacement.

Action: SE (Infra.) / Director in-charge, SAI Kolkata

- 3.4 In addition to this, repair work for existing hostels, swimming pool, etc., may also be planned.

Action: SE (Infra.) / Director in-charge, SAI Kolkata

3.5 The boundary wall work needs to be taken up on priority for which funds have already been allocated.

Action: Director in-charge, SAI Kolkata

3.6 I advised the Director in-charge to follow up with M/s. Coal India in order to expedite construction of the complex for the proposed National Table Tennis Academy.

Action: Director in-charge, SAI Kolkata

4) FIFA U17 WC 2017 infrastructure preparedness:-

I inspected the two training pitches in SAI Kolkata. Both the pitches are almost ready for seeding. The subsoil drainage system has been completed. The dressing rooms are under construction and training flood lighting is to be erected. This appears to be progressing well and everything should be completed in a month or so.

The LoC FIFA has requested for the Football pitch in the main athletic arena also to be spared for referee training which has been agreed to in principle. Minor field improvement programme will be undertaken by the LoC.

Later I visited the competition venue as well as the training venue in Salt Lake Stadium where Principal Secretary (Sports) & other State Govt. officials were also present. I found that high quality facility has been created by the State Govt. to meet all requirements of FIFA. While our Grant in aid to the State Govt. for the purpose is to the tune of Rs 14.23 crore and the State Govt. is spending more than Rs 100 crore to make it a world class facility. I conveyed my appreciation for good work done and advised Principal Secretary(Sports) to make a detailed plan for legacy use. I suggested that this could be a ideal venue for running Athletics & Football academies as well as to host major sporting events, community connect programme like Come & Play, Pay & Play etc., could also be encouraged.

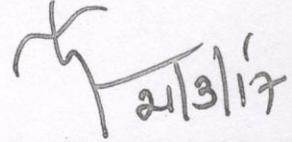
5) Meeting with Officials & Staff of Regional office, NSEC Kolkata

I addressed officials & staff of Regional Office and shared with them the short term and long term vision for making SAI a truly result oriented and expert body for promotion & development of sports in the country. I emphasized on the following:-

- (i) A comprehensive review of all STCs must be undertaken through the Regional Office as per guidelines already issued for categorizing them into 'A', 'B' & 'C' categories, 'A' standing for centres having good infrastructure and good sporting achievements; 'B' for centres having reasonably good infrastructure but performance falling short of potential and 'C' for centres that are sub standard both in terms of infrastructure and performance.
- (ii) The coaches should ensure that the Trainees Information Management system (TIMS) is fully utilized so as to ensure proper monitoring of the progress of trainees and the performance of coaches.
- (iii) Talent identification must be undertaken with full commitment and not reduced to a passive exercise. Coaches must actively scout for talent and also witness competitions to identify talent.
- (iv) The use of Sports Science in training methods as well as recovery and rehabilitation of the athletes was also emphasized.
- (v) The academic standards in diploma courses need to be maintained at high standard. For this, most appropriate faculty should be selected.
- (vi) Outstanding talent under SAI Schemes should be specifically identified and referred to the Head Office for special attention and supplementary funding wherever required.

(vii) It is desirable that the Academic Centres also undertakes demand-driven skill development courses.

(viii) Finally I briefed everyone about the on-going review exercise under FR 56(j).

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- 1) Principal Secretary (Sports), Govt. of West Bengal
- 2) JS (Development), MYAS
- 3) Secretary, SAI
- 4) ED (Finance & Operations), SAI
- 5) ED (T), SAI
- 6) Director (Infra.), SAI
- 7) RD (Pers.), SAI
- 8) RD (Coord.), SAI
- 9) Director in-charge, SAI Kolkata
- 10) SSO, Dr. Meenu Dhingra
- 11) Director (Finance), SAI

CC: PS to MOS(I/C), YA&S