

Government of India
Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports
Department of Sports

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Continuation / Revision of Scheme of Human Resources Development in Sports (HRDS)-reg.

The undersigned is directed to forward herewith a copy of revised Scheme of Human Resources Development in Sports (HRDS), duly approved by the Hon'ble Minister, Youth Affairs and Sports.

2. The current scheme of HRDS is approved for the period 2022-23 to 2025-26 (Annexure-II). In order to give wider publicity to this revised scheme of HRDS, it is requested that the information may be disseminated through websites/portals/social media platforms to enable maximum number of applicants to reap the benefits of this scheme.

3. This issues with the approval of Competent Authority.

Encl: As above

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6. Under Secretary (SP-I, SP-II, SP-III, SP-IV, SP-VI, SP-CDN and MDSD)
7. Under Secretary (Youth-CDN), MYAS, for further forwarding to Autonomous Bodies under the Department of Youth Affairs
8. All National Sports Federations (NSFs)
9. NIC, for uploading on this Ministry's Website

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4. PS to Secretary, Department of Youth Affairs
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6. PS to Joint Secretary (Development), MYAS
7. PS to JS&FA, MYAS

Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports**Department of Sports****Scheme of Human Resources Development in Sports (2022-23 to 2025-26)****1. Introduction**

- 1.1 Outstanding performance in sports and games at national and international levels is a matter of pride for all nations of the world. Countries have been utilizing sizeable resources and providing best of facilities to develop and sustain sports talent at the highest level. The performance in sports and games is one major yardstick of the nation's quality of human development.
- 1.2 Olympic and international competitions are an arena for showcasing the potential grit and strength of human beings. For long, sports science, sports medicine, sports technology and sports techniques have been playing a very important role in the making of an elite athlete. All major sporting countries such as the US, UK, China, Australia, Germany, and Japan etc. have taken lead in these areas and as a result, they are dominating the world of sports today. For becoming a leading sporting nation, India must invest in its human resources development in sports sector. There is a need to develop a large pool of specialists in sports science, sports medicine, sports technology, sports nutrition, sports physiotherapy, sports masseurs on one hand and develop high performance coaches, referees, psychologists etc. on the other.
- 1.3 The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (MYAS) (henceforth, the Ministry) is the nodal Ministry in the Government of India to take care of the development of sports in the country along with the interests of the various stakeholders. The Ministry is operating various schemes to achieve broad-basing of sports and excellence in sports. In the past, the Scheme relating to Talent Search & Training was in force. Since 2012, the "Scheme of Human Resource Development in Sports" has been one such continuing endeavour, providing financial assistance to the officials of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (MYAS)/ Sports Authority of India (SAI)/ National Sports Federations (NSFs), athletes, coaches, technical officials, students/researchers, etc. for upgradation of their skills and knowledge. The Scheme extends financial assistance for training and short-term courses for coaches technical and support staff; in addition, sports specialists are sponsored for attending seminars/ conferences at international level; assistance has also been extended for holding /attending coaching camps/ seminars/ conferences/ workshops within the country by inviting foreign experts or sending them to foreign institutions.
- 1.4 In order to aid and promote excellence in sports, there is a pressing need for adequate human resources in areas of sports sciences and sports medicine. These are vital areas requiring immediate attention, because the performance of an athlete depends significantly on the availability of right inputs from sports scientists and sports medicine specialists. It is considered necessary to identify and send eligible persons with the necessary qualifications and aptitude for advanced/ specialized courses in these areas to Universities/ Institutes of international repute with world class facilities so as to have such expertise in India. In addition, foreign expertise should also be procured for training of coaches, technical officials, physiotherapists, masseurs, nutritionists, etc., in India.

- 1.5 Similarly, there is also a need for giving the much needed fillip to research and publication in the field of sports and games. Adequate attention is required to be given to take up/encourage research work in sports-related matters which will have long term impact on excellence in sports and games in the country. Another area, which needs attention, is publication of outstanding works in sports making significant contribution to the available literature in the sports sector. Popular publications or online modules should also be brought out/developed to spread awareness about sports, including indigenous sports, for general masses.
- 1.6 Therefore, the existing '**Scheme Human Resource Development in Sports**' is being updated keeping in view the support system needed to spur sporting excellence in the country by modernizing and augmenting the overall sports eco-system. The updated scheme will focus on not only enhancing the sporting, coaching and technical skills but also catering to the academic and intellectual side of sports development. This is vitally important for the improvement of the standard of sports in the country.
- 1.7 Under another existing scheme namely, the Scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations (NSF Scheme), the National Sports Federations are being assisted for several purposes such as organizing tournaments inside the country, participation in international tournaments organized abroad, purchase of equipment, organizing coaching, etc. With the enhanced allocation, the NSF scheme should take care of the requirements for customized training of top level and promising sportspersons. In addition, medal prospect/ core probables/ elite athletes for Olympics/ Asian/ Commonwealth Games/ World Championships are provided assistance under the Target Olympic Podium (TOP) Scheme of National Sports Development Fund (NSDF). Further, the activities relating to talent identification and development of budding sportspersons, providing quality platform for showcasing of talent through competitions, providing all-round support to training centres, etc. are covered under the "Khelo India" scheme for financial assistance/ scholarship.
- 1.8 However, keeping in view the heightened need to promote human resources development in sports, the '**Scheme of Human Resources Development in Sports**' has been revised as under.:

2. **Aims and Objectives:**

The Scheme aims at:-

- 2.1 Awarding Fellowships for short term (3 to 6 months) specialized studies and long-term (upto 2 years) in specific disciplines relevant to sports;
- 2.2 Encouraging professionals in the field of sports to exchange ideas and enhance knowledge and skills through participation in Seminars, Clinics/ training, Workshops and Conferences in India or abroad and providing financial support for such activities;
- 2.3 Inviting reputed/qualified foreign experts, such as high performance directors, coaches, technical officials, sports scientists, sports medicine experts, masseurs, physiotherapists, professors, scholars to India for lectures, coaching, consultancy, exchange, training, dialogue, advice etc.;
- 2.4 Providing assistance to Match Officials, Coaches and other Support Personnel for appearing in qualifying examinations and for attending training/courses which help them improve their professional competence in their relevant areas of specialization in India or abroad;
- 2.5 Providing financial assistance for research projects relevant to sports and commissioning of specialized research projects keeping in view the requirements of the Ministry;

- 2.6 Providing financial assistance for publication of works of high quality, directly relevant to sports and games; to publish/sponsor popular literature on sports for general public; and
- 2.7 Developing online learning resource for wider dissemination of knowledge and techniques of games in different languages among community coaches and general public.
- 2.8 Encouraging the use of technology in sports development and increasing the reach of sports among the masses through creation of start-ups and providing initial seed money to them.

3. Components of the Scheme:-

The scheme will have the following components:

- (i) Fellowship Programme
- (ii) Exchange of Knowledge/ Research/ Ideas
 - a) For attending seminars/ workshops/ conferences of repute in India or abroad
 - b) For holding training programmes/ seminars/ workshops/ clinics and conferences within the country
- (iii) Assistance to Match Officials, Coaches and Supporting Personnel
- (iv) Assistance for Research
- (v) Publication of Outstanding Works on Sports related Subjects

3.1 Fellowship Programme:-

- 3.1.1 The Fellowship will be offered for advanced/specialized training of short term (upto 3 to 6 months) and long-term (upto 2 years) modules/ workshops/ course/ programmes in India as well as abroad in various sports science disciplines having relevance to sports, such as Biomechanics, Sports Nutrition, Kinesiology, Anthropometry, Exercise Physiology, Sports Psychology, General Theory & Method of Training (GTMT), Sports Medicine, Anti-doping, Sports Informatics, Sports Statistics and Sports Modelling, Sports Genetics, Sociology of Sports, Sports Management and Sports Law (indicative list). The competent authority will decide the relevance of a course to sports on a case-to-case basis.
- 3.1.2 The Department of Sports, in association with its Autonomous Bodies, will also design/ shortlist specialized training programmes/ modules/ workshops/ conference/ seminars etc. for its officials, coaches, athletes, technical officials/ staff and university faculty. Nominations from State/ UT Governments may also be invited for upto 40 percent of slots
- 3.1.3 Eligibility Criteria and Selection Process:-All the applications for the Fellowship will be scrutinized in the Department of Sports and shortlisted based on the following process:
- i)** Candidates, who wish to avail the Fellowship in any of the specified disciplines, shall take admission in an Institute approved by the UGC/AICTE in India and by the respective Government Bodies for outside Institutions.
 - ii)** Selected candidates will be required to submit all the documents in original

- iii)** The number of Fellowships will normally be determined by the Ministry in the beginning of any given calendar year; however, this may be increased or decreased as per requirement.
- iv)** Normally, employees from Central/ State/ UT Government and Autonomous Bodies fully funded by the Government will be considered for Fellowship/ sponsorship up to 3-6 months duration under the Scheme. In such cases, an Indemnity Bond of the equal amount of the Fellowship may be obtained from the candidate for not leaving the organization for at least two years by way of deputation/resignation.
- v)** Only permanent employees of autonomous bodies under Department of Sports such as Sports Authority of India (SAI), Lakshmibai National Institute of Physical Education (LNIPE), National Dope Testing Laboratory (NDTL), National Anti Doping Agency (NADA), National Sports University (NSU) etc. shall be considered for long term programme upto 2 years on DOPT pattern. The candidate must secure admission in a reputed institute/ university in India or abroad. Upto 4 employees can be granted fellowship in a calendar year.

The following persons having sports back ground may be considered for short-term Fellowship provided they are otherwise eligible under the Scheme;

- a) National/International level athlete;
- b) National/International level coach.

- vi)** Preference will be given to candidates who have received financial assistance in part from the Institution offering admission or any other institution/body; and
- vii)** The employees of the Central Government, State Governments and autonomous bodies of Department of Sports would be assisted as per the of DoP&T rates.
- viii)** Prior to application for Fellowship, candidates, if employed, should note that they will be solely responsible for getting relieved by their employers for undergoing the course.

3.1.4 After selection of the candidate under the Fellowship/ sponsorship Programme:

- i)** The finally selected candidates shall join the Institution within the stipulated time from the date of communication of selection. In case the candidate does not join within this specified period of time, the Fellowship will automatically get cancelled. No request for extension of time for availing of the Fellowship will be entertained under the scheme under normal circumstances;
- ii)** Candidates shall not change the course of study or research for which Fellowship has been sanctioned;
- iii)** Candidates have to complete the programme otherwise the sanctioned amount will be recovered from him/her along with an interest of 10% per annum.
- iv)** Expenses (as defined in the section 3.4 on Financial Assistance) covered by

the Fellowship would be strictly limited to the candidate;

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- v) In the event the candidate has received any financial assistance from the Institution offering admission or any other institution/body for a part amount, the financial assistance offered to the candidate by the Department will be reduced by such amount;
- vi) If a candidate has furnished any false information/document, he/she shall be debarred from the Fellowship and if he/she has availed of it or is availing it, action will be initiated for recovery of the amount spent with 10% compound interest thereon. Such candidate will also be black-listed for future and the employed candidate will also have to face departmental action for such act, for which the Department of Sports will take up the matter with the respective employers;
- vii) In an emergency, the candidate is permitted to return to India for a specific purpose in connection with the emergency, after having duly informed the Department as well as the Institution of study. The candidate will, however, be required to bear the to and fro journey expenses for the visit and shall also not be entitled to receive maintenance allowance under the scheme for the period of being away from the place of his/her Institution;
- viii) Any decisions on issues concerning candidates as may arise from unforeseen circumstances will be made by the Designated Committee.
- ix) The following will be the eligibility criteria for selection of candidates for Fellowship:

Eligibility Criteria	Documents to be submitted
The candidate should:	
Be an Indian national currently based in India (PIO/ OCI not eligible)	Copy of Passport or other identification such as a PAN card, Driving License, Aadhar Card etc.
Not be more than: <i>55 years of age</i>	Birth Certificate or Secondary School Certificate indicating the date of birth
Possess an admission or offer letter from the Institutions for Fellowship with a break-up of the fee structure for the entire course	Copy of Institution's admission letter along with relevant details
Obtain a No Objection Certificate (NOC) from his or her employer in the event the candidate is employed at the time of application	NOC duly signed by an authorized signatory of the candidate's employing organization as per the prescribed format.
Execute a surety bond with the Department on a ₹100 non-judicial stamp paper, to work on contractual basis, if offered, with the Sports Authority of India or a designated organization/ Institute for a period of three years	Bond signed by the candidate as per the prescribed format.

3.2 Exchange of Knowledge / Research / Ideas:-

This Component aims at encouraging participation in Seminars/ Workshops/ Conferences/ Clinics/ Training in India or abroad and support to such activities in the country or inviting foreign experts/ coaches/ scholars to India.

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3.2.1 For attending seminars/workshops/conferences of repute in India or abroad:-

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- i) Professionals in the field of sports may be encouraged to exchange ideas and enhance knowledge and skills through participation in Seminars, Workshops and Conferences in India or abroad. They may be assisted for attending such programmes of repute provided they are specifically invited for chairing the function or delivering the key-note address or presenting a research paper which has been specifically accepted for discussion in the event. The paper should either be of practical importance or outstanding academic value in the field of sports/sports science, mentioned in para 3.1.
- ii) Normally, permanent employees of Central/ State/ UT Governments and Autonomous Bodies under the Government would be considered for Participation in Seminars/ Workshops/ Conferences abroad.
- iii) Proposals from permanent faculty working in Government funded and University Grant Commission (UGC) regulated universities may be considered for grants meeting the expenses for air travel for participation in India or abroad only.

3.2.1.2 Assistance for permanent employees of the Central/ State/ UT Governments and autonomous bodies under these Governments may be considered for the following:

- i) Economy class Air fare by the shortest route from the place of residence to the venue, both ways, along with airport tax, local transport and other incidentals, which are of mandatory nature.
- ii) For journey inside the county, train fare by AC 2nd Class Sleeper, both ways, and local transport will be considered. In case the distance is more than 500 kilometers, air travel by economy class by the shortest route will be allowed.

3.2.1.3 Assistance will be decided after taking into account the support being provided by the organiser, which shall be adjusted while deciding the admissible amount.

3.2.1.4 Persons assisted under the scheme shall have to submit a self-contained report in triplicate on the deliberations in the seminar/ workshop/ conference along with specific suggestions for promotion of sports in India on the relevant subject, within 15 days of the completion of the event. Persons, who have failed to submit report within the scheduled time, will not be considered for assistance for future.

3.2.2 For holding Training Programmes, Seminars, Workshops/ Clinics and Conferences within the country:-

3.2.2.1 Assistance will be provided for holding Training Programmes, Seminars, Workshops/ Clinics and Conferences in the country facilitating exchange of ideas and enhancement of knowledge/skills in achieving excellence in sports on a realistic basis.

3.2.2.2 The assistance to Department of Sports, Sports Authority of India (SAI), National Sports University (NSU), National Dope Testing Laboratory (NDTL), National Anti Doping Agency (NADA), Lakshmibai National Institute of Physical Education (LNIPE) etc., may be as per the approval of the Designated Committee. However, assistance to State/ UT/ University/ Institute may be decided on case to case basis.

3.2.3 The assistance will be given to foreign coaches/experts for participating in such events as under:

- i) Economy class air-fare from place of residence to the venue of the function, both ways.

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ii) Boarding charges and DA will be given on a realistic basis.

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iii) Fees to be paid to the expert(s) holding the Seminar/ Workshop/ Conference on a realistic basis.

3.2.4 Assistance for holding such events may also be given on a realistic basis; facility available with the Sports Authority of India maybe availed for the purpose to the extent possible.

3.2.5 Scale of assistance for those, other than foreign coaches/ experts, will be guided by the guidelines/ instructions of the Ministry of Finance.

3.2.6 Assistance will also be provided to Sports Authority of India, National Dope Testing Laboratory, National Anti-Doping Agency, National Sports University, Lakshmibai National University of Physical Education and National Sports Federation etc. for holding national/ international Seminars, Workshops, Training Programmes and Conferences in the country with the aim of facilitating exchange of ideas and enhancement of knowledge/skills of Indian coaches, referees and other technical officials in achieving excellence in sports. Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports can also conduct/ commission such events and reputed/ qualified foreign experts can be invited to such event/activities.

The amount of money for conducting such programs would be on the following items:

3.2.7 Travel, boarding/ local transport etc. of experts/ trainers to the place where program is being organized, Fees/ remuneration to experts/trainers as per rates stated in para 3.2.3 and para 3.2.5 of the scheme.

3.2.8 Cost of logistics for organization of the event and local transport as per para 3.2.4 of the scheme.

3.2.9 Boarding and lodging of trainees/participants.

3.3 Assistance to Match Officials, Coaches and Support Personnel:-

3.3.1 Match officials (Judges, Umpires, Referees, Arbitrators, etc.) will be assisted for appearing in qualifying examinations organized by international bodies or National Sports Federations (recognized by the Department of Sports on the date of application)/ IOA.

3.3.2 Match officials, Coaches and supporting personnel (physiotherapists, psychologists, nutritionists, masseurs, etc.) will be assisted for undergoing specialized training in the relevant disciplines/ areas.

3.3.3 The Ministry can also design specialized training programmes for such officials.

3.3.4 Eligibility Criteria:

- i) The Match Official must have been officiating in official tournaments and the coaches must have been coaching sportspersons at the State level for at least 2 years;
- ii) Assistance to supporting personnel will be decided based on the relevance of the project to promising sports persons; and
- iii) For specialized training, Match Officials (Judge, Umpire, Referee, Arbitrators, etc.) should have participated/ officiated in Olympics/ Common wealth/ Asian Games/ World Championship and have 'A' grade certificate issued by the recognized international body.
- iv) The application/proposal should be routed through the Sports Authority of

3.3.5 The applicant will not be more than 55 years of age except that there will be no age bar on assistance to the Match officials for appearing in qualifying examinations.

3.3.6 For undergoing specialized training abroad, the applicant should have a confirmed admission from a reputed institution.

3.3.7 Assistance will be provided to Match Officials, Coaches and Support Personnel for undergoing specialized training abroad the equivalent of which is not available inside the country. The assistance will be provided to an individual for a period not exceeding one year.

3.3.8 Nature of Financial Assistance:

- i) Economy class Air fare by the shortest route from the point of embarkation in India to the point of disembarkation in the foreign country, both ways, along with airport tax, local transport and other incidentals. For the journey inside the country, train fare by AC 2nd Class, both ways, and local transport will be considered. In case the distance is more than 500 kilometers, air travel by economy class by the shortest route will be allowed.
- ii) Maintenance allowance up to a maximum of US \$ 1000 per month payable in local currency.
- iii) Actual cost of books, essential apparatus, study tours (coach class fare) and other items specifically recommended by the course in-charge, subject to a maximum of US\$350 per annum.
- iv) Tuition fee, examination fee, medical and health insurance charges, which are of mandatory nature, as per actual.

3.3.9 Coaches and support personnel (other than Match Officials) assisted under the scheme will be required to execute a bond for serving the Government for a minimum period of three years on completion of the training, failing which they will have to refund the amount, along with interest, provided to them under the scheme.

3.3.10 Assistance as admissible will be sanctioned as grant and released in two or more installments.

3.3.11 The number of persons to whom the assistance will be provided will be based on requirement, merit and availability of funds.

3.4 Assistance for Research:-

3.4.1 Financial grant will be provided for research projects in sports-related disciplines. Government Institutes and UGC recognized Universities engaged in sports-related activities will be encouraged to undertake specific topics on sports-related issues.

3.4.2 Individual applications from subject specialists and research scholars, who are already working in such fields, will also be considered for R&D studies to pursue research under bilateral and multilateral MOUs signed by MYAS and its autonomous bodies.

3.4.3 The topics of research should have a direct bearing on the problems specific to sports or should be relevant for the overall improvement of sports and games in the country. Such studies should lead to innovative solutions to the problems in the field of sports in India.

3.4.5 The topics may cover (but not limited to) subjects like Sports Psychology, Sports Medicine, Injury-related matters, Improvement in performance, Identification of potential target groups in different disciplines, Specific sociological studies related to sports and sportspersons etc. The proposed projects/ studies should not be repetition of earlier studies.

3.4.6 The Department of Sports will take up specific research requirements of Indian sports and commission research studies by reputed Indian institutes, scholars or foreign scholars or joint projects undertaken by Indian and foreign universities in collaboration or research done by foreign institutes. The following methods will be used to promote research in sports sector:

- i) Reputed India/ foreign scholars/ institutes will be invited to work either on a special research need identified by an expert committee or under some bilateral or multi lateral MOU on nomination basis;
- ii) Department of Sports may invite expression of interest for undertaking some research;
- iii) Individual scholar/ institute/ university may send a research proposal which shall be considered by Designated Committee.
- iv) Department of Sports will also consider research proposal of public interest under Swiss Challenge Method.

3.4.7 Nature of Support and Duration of Grant - The duration of grant for research will be two years. The grant will be provided as per UGC norms with ₹10 lakh being upper limit Maximum assistance can be upto ₹50.00 lacs for the entire project in certain mega projects.

3.4.8 Procedure for approval:

- (i) Applications should be routed through the head of the institution from where the applicant will carry out the research.
- (ii) All Applications along with a copy of the CV must be submitted in **triplicate** by the specified deadline to the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.
- (iii) Candidates will give a brief description of the research topic.
- (iv) Candidates may also include a brief about any past publications/ researches carried out in areas similar to the proposed research.
- (v) Applicants are required to attach a detailed break-up of financial support required for various components including salary support for scholars, equipment, travel cost, cost for organizing conferences and any other overheads.
- (vi) Selection would be made on the basis of merit by assessing the applicants with respect to (a) Academic performance of the candidate (b) Topic of Research and (c) Expected outcome of the Research and its contribution to sports.
- (vii) The selected candidates will be intimated by the Ministry.
- (viii) In case of the Ministry commissioning/sponsoring a particular research project, the method & terms will be mutually decided by the Ministry and the concerned organization.

3.4.9 Eligibility Criteria

Qualification criteria	Documents required
<u>The candidate should:</u> Be an Indian national currently based in	Copy of passport or other identification such as a PAN card, Driving License, Aadhar Card etc.

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1/5576/2023	Not more than 58 years of age	Copy of Birth Certificate or Secondary School Certificate indicating Date of Birth
	Must have Ph.D/Masters in specific sports-related subjects	Copy of Ph.D/Masters degree certificate
	Either hold a permanent position or have suitable arrangement with the Institute	Declaration signed by the Institute
	Research proposal/ project must be approved by the University/ Institute concerned	Approval of the Institute
	Past publications in related area(if any)	Copy of the synopsis of past publications/ research

3.4.10 Other Information:

- i) Candidates will not normally be considered if they have already received a grant for research on the same/similar subject. However, in case the application is for a supplementary grant in addition to the original grant, a no objection certificate from the original grant giving organization must be provided.
- ii) The institution from which the candidate is applying must be recognized by/ affiliated to UGC or other Statutory Bodies overseeing the functions of such Institutions.
- iii) The amount will be used by the candidate for pursuance of research only and he/ she will be required to provide information to the Ministry regarding the manner in which the funds were utilized, duly signed by the Head of the Institute/college.
- iv) Candidates shall not change the field of research once the grant has been sanctioned.
- v) The preparation and submission of thesis will be the responsibility of the candidate/ Institute; three copies of the research publication shall be made available to the Ministry.
- vi) The Department of Sports, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports shall be assigned a Copyright to the research publication for future use by the Department.
- vii) The title page of the Research Paper/Final Project Report should bear the following entry: Research conducted with financial assistance from the Government of India, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Department of Sports vide sanction letter no. ____ dated_.

3.4.11 Release of Grant - The sanctioned grant will be released to the Institute/University in two or more installments.

3.4.12 Final Report - The candidate is required to submit three hard copies and one soft copy of the Final Project Report to the Ministry on completion of the project along with an executive summary. All the projects will be reviewed periodically. After the submission of the final report, the Expert Committee, constituted by the Designated Committee, will review the findings.

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3.5 Publication of Outstanding Works on Sports related Subjects:-

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3.5.2 Procedure – The grant would be available to the publishing houses which are members of “Association of Publishers in India” or “The Federation of Indian Publishers” or “Federation of Educational Publishers in India” and reputed organizations / authors who wish to publish outstanding works on sports matters.

- i) The publication must be in the area of Sports.
- ii) Following type of publications may be covered under this grant:
 - a) Technical papers on sports,
 - b) Doctoral dissertations,
 - c) Research reports/journals,
 - d) Abstracts of international conferences,
 - e) Biographies of sportspersons,
 - f) Other sports-related books,
 - g) Literature in regional language on Sports.
- iii) Each applicant must provide complete information as mentioned in the selection process, failing which the application is liable to be rejected.
- iv) Each applicant’s case for publication must be agreed upon by the author if the application is from the publisher.

3.5.3 Nature of Assistance – The grant will cover upto 50% of the publication costs subject to a maximum of ₹5.00 lacs per publication. For Journals, it can be maximum ₹5.00 lacs per journal for a period not exceeding three years. There shall be no such limit on the Department of Sports sponsored publications / e-Publications / hosting etc.

3.5.4 Procedure for Selection

- i) Applications by individuals/ publications must be submitted in the prescribed format.
- ii) All Applications are to be submitted in triplicate along with the manuscript by the specified dead line to the Department of Sports.
- iii) Applicants must provide:
 - a) All information as per the application form.
 - b) A breakup of the publishing costs.

- c) A copy of the agreement/ contract with the author of the publication where applicable.
- d) Declaration that the publication does not violate any Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) and has not been published before.
- iv) The selected applicants will be intimated by the Department.
- v) In addition, proposals for publications by publishers, web-based companies, online content developers, content hosting agencies, app developers etc. will be considered as per para 3.5.1 of the scheme.

3.5.5 Repetitive publication would not be considered; assistance would be available only once for the first publication.

3.5.6 Release of Grant:-

- i) The sanctioned grant will be released to the Publisher/ developer, upon application, in two or more installments.
- ii) The amount will be used for publishing-related costs only and the Publisher will be required to provide information to the Ministry regarding the manner in which the funds were utilized as per Utilization Certificate (UC) in the prescribed format.
- iii) The Department reserves the right to block release of further installments if the applicant has not provided the UC for the previous installments/ the fund utilization has not been accurate or for not implementing the terms of the scheme. In such instances, the Ministry shall recover the already released amount from the applicant.
- iv) The work should be published within one year from the date of award of the grant; the offer for the grant-in-aid will automatically lapse after one year unless the period is extended upon consideration of a specific request from the author or the publisher.
- v) The title page of the publication should bear the following entry:-'Published with financial assistance from the Department of Sports, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India vide sanction letter no.____dated__.
- vi) The selected Journals should continue to maintain the standard of contents/ focus. The Journals should acknowledge the grant with similar entry in each edition as given in (v) above.

4. General Process of Selection / Approval under the Scheme:-

- 4.1 Interested individual/organization must submit their applications well before time of the scheduled meeting of Designated Committee and not later than 20th day of preceding month of the scheduled meeting of the Designated Committee.
- 4.2 Only online applications received through a dedicated Portal, viz. dbtyas-sports.gov.in will be accepted.
- 4.3 Applications/ proposals received on or before 20th day of preceding month and are complete in all respects, will be first placed before the "Appraisal Committee" for examining the eligibility/technical aspects of the proposals. Later, the proposals/applications, along with recommendations of Appraisal Committee, will be placed before the Designated Committee during its meeting to be held bi-monthly any

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time in the first OR the second week of every alternate month commencing from January, 2023, for their consideration.

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4.4 Decision of Designated Committee in respect of all selection of application/proposal for assistance under any component, under the scheme, will be final.

However, the Designated Committee may give relaxation in the eligibility criteria on the merit of the case.

4.5 Appraisal Committee will comprise of Joint Secretary (Scheme Division) as Chairperson; Director/Deputy Secretary (IFD), Director/Deputy Secretary (Scheme Division) and Under Secretary (Scheme Division) as Members; and One/two Director/Deputy Secretary Level Officers from autonomous bodies, under the Department of Sports, as Expert Members for looking into the technical aspects of the proposals.

4.6 Applications received on or before 20th day of preceding month, will be placed before the Designated Committee for consideration along with the recommendation of the "Appraisal Committee".

4.7 Designated Committee will comprise of the Secretary (Sports) as Chairperson, Director General (Sports Authority of India-SAI), Joint Secretary (Scheme Division), Financial Advisor (MoYAS), Vice Chancellor (National Sports University-NSU), Director (NCSSR) and Director (Scheme Division) as Members. Experts and others may be invited to the meetings of the Committee.

4.8 The rate and quantum of the funds for different components of the Scheme may be periodically revised by the Designated Committee as and required subject to overall allocation under the scheme.

4.9 The Designated Committee may frame rules for implementation of the scheme as and when required.

4.10 Internal guidelines may be framed with the approval of Secretary (Sports) for implementation of the Scheme.

4.11 Upto 4% of the budget allocated for the Scheme may be earmarked for administrative purposes including issue of advertisements, hiring of consultants etc.

4.12 The Scheme will continue to be implemented in the Pilot Mode during 15th Finance Commission Cycle (upto FY 2025-26).

4.13 Persons/organizations once assisted under this scheme will preferably be again considered for assistance only after the completion of one financial year from the end of the year in which they received such assistance under the scheme.

4.14 The utilization certificate (UC) to be submitted by the grantees under the scheme shall be as per General Financial Rules (GFR) 2017, (GFR-12A).

5. Save as otherwise provided, no provisions of this Scheme can be relaxed except with the approval of the Minister in-charge, Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India, provided the basic nature and scope of the relevant provisions of the scheme are not altered. If any relaxation involves financial implications, JS&FA of the Department may also to be consulted.

6. Financial Outlay for the Scheme:

6.1 A total financial outlay of ₹19 crores is proposed for the scheme for next 3 financial years viz. 2023-24, 2024-25 and 2025-26. Component-wise financial outlays would be as

Sl. No.	Components	FY	FY	FY	FY
		2022-23 (In ₹ lakh)	2023-24 (In ₹ lakh)	2024-25 (In ₹ lakh)	2025-26 (In ₹ lakh)
1.	Fellowship Programme	16	20	50	100
2.	Exchange of Knowledge/Research/Ideas	200	250	300	350
3.	Assistance to Match Officials, Coaches and Support Personnel	120	150	215	250
4.	Assistance for Research	40	50	100	150
5.	Publication of Outstanding Works on Sports related Subjects	8	10	10	14
6.	Administrative Purposes including advertisements, hiring of consultants, etc. [up-to 4% of total budget allocated]	16	20	25	36
Total:		400	500	700	900

6.2 The Designated Committee will have the flexibility to re-allocate the budget across the components of the Scheme to any component or to any item not indicated in the scheme explicitly (in the interest of proper utilization of allocated funds of the scheme).

7. CONCLUSION:

In case any clarification is required on any matter relating to implementation of the scheme, the same will be referred to the Competent Authority in the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India, whose decision in the matter shall be final.
