

No.F.45-3/2008-SP-I  
Government of India  
Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports  
Department of Sports

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Dated : New Delhi, the 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2009

To,

The President/Secretary General,  
Indian Olympic Association,  
B-29, Qutab Institutional Area,  
New Delhi

The President/Secretary Generals of  
All Recognized National Sports Federations.

Sub: Government Policy on participation of foreign nationals of Indian origin in national teams.

Sir,

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Government vide letter of even number dated 26<sup>th</sup> December, 2008 has laid down the national policy on the above mentioned subject.

2. A question has arisen in respect of persons who are not Indian citizens as to whether the policy only restricts government support to them for participating in national teams or altogether makes them ineligible to participate in national teams.

3. As already stated in para 3 of the letter referred to above and for the reasons mentioned in the said letter, it is clarified that just as financial support from government is restricted to Indian Nationals only, the inclusion of players in the national teams is also restricted to Indian nationals only. In other words, only Indian nationals are eligible to be part of the national team and walk under the Indian Flag.

Yours faithfully,

  
12/3/09  
(Shankar Lal)

Under Secretary to the Government of India