To,
1. President/Secretary General, Indian Olympic Association
2. Presidents/Secretary Generals of all recognized National Sports Federations

Subject: Instructions for curbing the tendency amongst sportspersons for giving preference to playing in prize money tournaments rather in tournaments where India participates for medals rather than cash awards

Sir,

I am directed to invite reference to this Department's letter of even number dated 18.7.2013 (copy enclosed) vide which instructions were issued to all recognized National Sports Federations (NSFs) to the effect that individual players will be able to avail grants given to NSFs by the Ministry only if they undertake to play in the Indian team when called upon to do so without reservations and if there are specific exigencies because of which they are unable to play, this should be verified by the concerned NSF which thereupon can make an exception at their discretion.

2. However, it was noticed, while finalizing the Indian contingent for the Incheon Asian Games 2014, that senior and rank holding sportspersons of some sports disciplines decided to pull out, preferring to play in prize money tournaments instead of participating in the Asian Games giving the impression that such sportspersons do not take these sports competitions seriously. Multi-sports events are held once in 4 years and the nation takes pride in the number of medals won in these prestigious sports events.

3. Therefore, it is again reiterated and made clear to all recognized National Sports Federations that individual players will be able to avail grants given to NSFs by the Ministry only if they undertake to play in the Indian team when called upon to do so without reservations. If there are specific exigencies because of which they are unable to play, this should be verified by the concerned NSF which thereupon can make an exception at their discretion.

4. It is also informed that such sportspersons, who decide not to take part in international tournaments including multi-disciplinary sports events where India as a team participates for
medals rather than cash awards, will not be considered for funding from the National Sports Development Fund (NSDF).

5. NSF's should give wide publicity to these instructions and take necessary steps to ensure compliance.

Yours faithfully

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Copy to:
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2. Joint Secretary (Sports)/Joint Secretary (Development)
3. Director (Sports)/Director (Schemes)/Deputy Secretary (Sports-I)/Deputy Secretary (Sports-II)
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7. Project Officer, NSDF

Copy also to:
1. PPS to Secretary (Sports)
2. Media Officer, Press Information Bureau (PIB)
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Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports
Department of Sports
Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
18th July 2013

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Sir,

I am directed to say that of late the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports has noticed a tendency amongst sportspersons, belonging to various sports disciplines, to prefer to play in prize money tournaments and avoid playing in tournaments where India as a team participates for medals rather than cash awards.

2. It is made clear to all recognized National Sports Federations that individual players will be able to avail grants given to NSFs by the Ministry only if they undertake to play in Indian team when called upon to do so without reservations. If there are specific exigencies because of which they are unable to play, this should be verified by the concerned NSF which thereupon can make an exception at their discretion.

3. NSFs should give wide publicity to these instructions and take necessary steps to ensure compliance.

Yours faithfully,

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