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COMPOSITION OF THE COMMITTEE
(Constituted w.e.f. 13th September, 2020)

1. **Dr. Vinay P. Sahasrabuddhe** — *Chairman*

RAJYA SABHA

2. Smt. Arpita Ghosh
3. Shri. Bhubaneswar Kalita
4. Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad
5. Dr. Sasmit Patra
6. Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia
7. Shri Gopal Narayan Singh
8. Shri Akhilesh Prasad Singh
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11. Shri Rajendra Agrawal
12. Shri D. M Kathir Anand
13. Dr. Dhal Singh Bisen
14. Shri Santokh Singh Chaudhary
15. Shri Lavu Sri Krishna Devarayalu
16. * Vacant
17. Shri Sangamlal Kadedin Gupta
18. Shri Sadashiv Kisan Lokhande
19. Dr. Jaisiddeshwar Shivacharya Mahaswamiji
20. Shri Asit Kumar Mal
21. Shri Anubhav Mohanty
22. Shri Balak Nath
23. Shri Chandeshwar Prasad
24. Shri T. N. Prathapan
25. Shri Ratansinh Magansinh Rathod
26. Shri Jagannath Sarkar
27. Shri Vishnu Dutt Sharma
28. Dr. Arvind Kumar Sharma
29. Shri Dharambir Singh
30. Shri S. Venkatesan
31. Shri Ashok Kumar Yadav

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- Sh. Jayadev Galla nomination changed from DRPSC EWCY&S to DRPSC IT *wef* 16/10/2020

SECRETARIAT

Dr. Shikha Darbari, Joint Secretary and Financial Advisor

Shri Rajiva Srivastava, Director

Shri Sammer Kapoor, Deputy Secretary

Smt. Himanshi Arya, Deputy Secretary

Shri Mohit Misra, Committee Officer

Smt. Suman Khurana, Committee Officer

Smt. Meera Nair, Assistant Research Officer

1 REPORT

I, the Chairman of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Education, Women, Children, Youth and Sports having been authorized by the Committee to submit the report on the subject “Preparation for Olympic – 2021” on its behalf, present this report.

2. Keeping in view India’s dismal performance in the last three Olympics and the fact that Tokyo Olympic 2021 being a few months away, the Committee decided to make an in-depth analysis of the subject “Preparation for Olympic – 2021” and to suggest a way forward.

3. The Committee held a total of five meetings i.e. on 22nd October, 2019, 27th October, 18th November, 7th & 23rd December, 2020 in all and a tabular summary of the extensive deliberations on the subject Preparation for Olympics 2021 of the Committee is given below:-

Sr No	Date of Meeting	Stake-holders who deposited before the Committee	Number of Members who attended the meeting
1.	22 nd October, 2019	Department of Sports Shri Radhey Shyam Julaniya, Secretary Mrs. Kiran Soni Gupta, AS&FA Sports Authority of India Shri Sandeep Pradhan, DG Commd. Raja Gopalan, CEO (TOPS)	20
2.	27 th October, 2020	Department of Sports Shri Ravi Mital, Secretary Mrs. Kiran Soni Gupta, AS&FA Sports Authority of India Shri Sandeep Pradhan, DG Commd. Raja Gopalan, CEO (TOPS) Indian Olympic Association Shri Rajeev Mehta, Journalists Shri Rajesh Kalra, Executive Chairman, Asianet News. Shri Vijay Lokapally, Eminent Sports Journalist. Hockey India	14

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3.	18 th November, 2020	<p>Hockey India Md Mushtaque Ahmad, Sr Vice President Ms. Ealena Norman, CEO</p> <p>Boxing Federation of India: Shri Ajay Singh, President Shri R.K. Sacheti, Executive Director</p> <p>Wrestling Federation Of India Shri V.N. Prasood, Secretary General Shri Vinod Tomar, Asstt. Secretary</p> <p>Indian Weightlifting Federation Shri Sahdev Yadav, SG Shri Suneet Chopra, Assistant Secretary</p> <p>Archery Association of India</p>	16

		Shri Virendra Sachdeva, Member Core Committee Eminent Sportsperson & Olympians Shri Gagan Narang Shri Sushil Kumar	
4.	7 th December, 2020	Department of Sports Shri Ravi Mital, Secretary Shri L.S. Singh, Joint Secretary Sports Authority of India Shri Sandeep Pradhan, DG Comm. Raja Gopalan, CEO (TOPS)	17 <i>Three Member sub-committee under the Chairmanship of Shri Jyotiradiya M. Scindia along with Dr. Sasmit Patra and Shri Lavu Sri Krishna Devarayulu was constituted by the Chairman to draft a report for the consideration of the Committee</i>
5.	23 rd December, 2020	Draft report considered and adopted by the Committee	-----

The Committee also decided to issue a Press Release inviting views / suggestions from individuals / sportspersons / experts / former recipients of Olympic/International Medals and other organizations interested in the subject.

7. The Committee in its meeting held on 7th December, 2020 decided to constitute a three Member sub-committee under the Chairmanship of Shri Jyotiradiya M. Scindia along with Dr. Sasmit Patra and Shri Lavu Sri Krishna Devarayulu to draft a report for the consideration of the Committee.

8. While drafting the Report, the Committee relied on the following documents:

- i. Background note received from Department of Sports, Sports Authority of India, Indian Olympics Association, National Sports Federations, sports journalists.;
- ii. replies to questionnaires furnished by the Department of Sports, Sports Authority of India, and National Sports Federations;
- iii. NITI Aayog Olympics Action Plan Booklet; and
- iv. PMs Olympic Task Force Report.

9. The sub-committee submitted its report on 14th December, 2020. Accordingly, a draft was prepared and circulated to the Members.

10. The Committee in its meeting held on 23rd December, 2020 took up the draft report for consideration. After a brief discussion the Committee adopted the Report.

11. The Committee wishes to place on record its gratitude to Department of Sports, Sports

Authority of India, Indian Olympics Association, eminent sports journalist Shri Rajesh Kalra and Shri Vijay Lokapally, representatives of Hockey India, Boxing Federation of India, National Rifle Association of India, Wrestling Federation of India, Archery Association of India and Indian Weightlifting Federation, Gagan Narang and Shri Sushil Kumar eminent sportspersons and Olympians for necessary information/documents and rendering valuable assistance to the Committee in its deliberation. The Committee also wishes to express its gratitude to Shri Desh Deepak Verma, Secretary-General, Rajya Sabha who shared his valuable experiences and insights gathered while working as DG, SAI in one of his earlier assignments.

(Dr. Vinay P. Saharabudde)
Chairman

NEW DELHI
25th December, 2020
Pausa 04/ 1942 (Saka)

Department-related Parliamentary
Standing Committee on Education,
Women, Children, Youth & Sports

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Education, Women, Children, Youth and Sports examined the subject **Preparation for Olympics – 2021**. After exhaustive deliberations with all the concerned stakeholders the Committee recommends the following.

1. Recovery from COVID impact

- a. Undertaking physiological, mental, and nutritional assessment of all athletes in the Olympics contingent to find strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats in their preparation. **Making it mandatory for athletes to undergo indepth cardio-pulmonary function tests to monitor recovery to top fitness level. Also arranging for very scientific Musculo-skeletal rehab to original fitness to avoid injuries due to sudden loads, specially at remote centers if athletes are not training at main centers.**
- b. Providing athletes with support and training customised to the results of the assessment report card.
- c. Identifying the training facilities, stadiums, and sports centres for Olympic qualified athletes which have not opened yet. Re-open these centres at the earliest or relocating athletes to alternate centres which have opened.
- d. Due to lockdown and travel restrictions, there was loss of international/national competition exposure which has hugely affected the training of the athletes. The Department and NSFs must ensure that players get an opportunity to play maximum international tournaments before the 2021 Olympic Games. International competitions should be accorded priority as they prepare athletes for pressure situations they may find themselves in during actual Olympics.
- e. It has been observed that travelling to far away tournaments is a big challenge for athletes. Besides, countries like France and Germany that host tournaments at home, have produced more champions. India should host more international tournaments, so that players can reduce travel to collect more points and move up the ranking ladder. Also, a larger number of athletes can benefit from the same amount that India spends on sending athletes abroad for exposure.
- f. Due to the halting of domestic and international sporting competitions, athletes may not have experienced adequate competition in the run up to Olympics 2021. This need may be felt more severely in competitive sports, illustratively wrestling and badminton. It is important to identify and organise competitive matchups to give the necessary experience to the qualified athletes.

2. Bio-Bubbles

- a. Creating bio-bubbles in the training facilities such that athletes can be isolated in a secure environment and train with minimal possibility of being infected.

- b. Using bio-bubbles for ensuring championship participation in games for athletes and sportspersons before the Olympics commence in foreign countries.
- c. Ensuring bio-bubbles for the Indian athletes and sportspersons at the Olympics.
- d. Giving individualized programs to athletes capable of reaching finals or medal hopefuls and also providing for sending them abroad as soon as possible in a bubble environment where top scientific infrastructure is available.

3. Institutional Support

- a. **Swift decision making:** The government should be swift in making decisions and granting approvals, viz, financial grants, equipment, representation in international competitions, etc. to avoid unnecessary delays. GOI should be prepared in dealing smoothly and quickly with any unforeseen situations that may arise due to COVID.
- b. **Selection process:** Qualification and selection of the olympic core probables should be completed on time. The selection schedule should be announced well in advance and the timeline should be adhered to. All efforts should be made to avoid any last minute selections.
- c. **Coaches:**
 - i. Several foreign coaches resigned and returned to their respective countries in the course of the pandemic. Besides, most sporting disciplines have foreign experts who are either 65 or above. Those above 65 were asked by their respective NSFs to not visit training venues.
 - ii. About 561 vacancies exist of Coaches. This is unacceptable. These should be filled up within specific time-bound manner so that Olympic preparations don't suffer.
 - iii. Additionally, an immediate survey should be carried out in collaboration with the NSFs to gauge requirements for coaches, including personal coaches for athletes.
 - iv. The Department should lay out timelines to recruit vacancies for foreign experts and coaches.

4. Human and Technical resource Support

- a. Appointing a chief procurement officer in the Mission Olympic Cell (MOC) created under the Chairmanship of the Director General, Sports Authority (DG, SAI) as part of The Olympics Podium Scheme (TOPS) to coordinate and fast track procurement of training equipment which is in shortage.

- b. Asking head coaches to undertake a sports equipment availability analysis across their respective sporting facilities. Requests for essential equipment in shortage should be immediately escalated to the MOC who can fast track procurement and provisioning of the equipment.
- c. Governing bodies for respective sports like Wrestling Federation of India, National Rifle Association of India, Hockey India can coordinate special training camps to concentrate training efforts for qualified athletes.
- d. Creating a dedicated digital portal for all athletes to list their equipment, training, and nutritional requirements. Fulfilment of these requirements can be centrally coordinated by the MOC, TOPS.
- e. Engaging professional sports performance analysis **experts to assist in** statistical and data backed inputs to athletes on their performance and techniques.
- f. Engaging domestic ex-players, regularised sportspersons, as well as global experts/consultants in a virtual mode to guide preparations of the athletes in the final stages of preparation for Olympics 2021.
- g. Asking head coaches to create a customised 200-day plan for every qualified athlete. The plan should list the focus areas for training, guidelines for preparation, and nutritional advice that athletes can follow to streamline their preparation.

5. Medical & Doping

- a. **Medical facilities** : Medical staff and other medical equipment (like X-Ray and MRI) should be made available within select SAI and other training centres. This will ensure that athletes do not lose any time for treatment and recovery. This will also keep them from travelling to hospitals where the chances of contracting COVID are the highest.
 - i. Dedicated physiotherapists should be made available in all the national training centres.
- b. **Medical Insurance** : Sport injury insurance schemes should be put in place for sportspersons, through a collaborative framework by the central and state governments. The insurance schemes should be tailored as per the needs of each sports discipline, each state, and should cover players from different categories
- c. **COVID-19 Vaccination** : Athletes as well as coaches and support staff going for the Olympics should be put in the priority group for the vaccination process.
- d. **Doping Sensitization**: Regular webinars and e-learning courses should be organized to educate athletes and coaches about doping.
- e. **World Anti-Doping Code** : They should also be made aware of the changes in the 2021 World Anti-Doping Code.

- f. **NADA as an independent body:** Expedite efforts to setup NADA as an autonomous body independent of government.
- g. **National Anti-Doping Authority (NADA) helpline :**They should have access to a full time functional National Anti-Doping Authority (NADA) helpline where they can seek advice in case of any doubt.It should be made clear to all the athletes that instances of doping will not be taken lightly.

6. Corporate Sponsorship

For the 2016 Rio Olympics, Indian Olympic Association (IOA) had signed up with a sport management firm and a huge amount as sponsorship was raised from the private and corporate sector. However, due to COVID, many NSFs have lost their sponsors this time - as has been pointed out by IOA in their presentation to the Committee. It is suggested that IOA should sign up with a sponsorship management firm on an immediate basis for this edition of the Olympics as well, and try to rope in the private sector for funds.

7. Women athletes

- a. Gender sensitization: Gender sensitization of all male athletes and coaches should be done to prevent incidences of sexist behaviour and sexual harassment.
- b. All schemes and incentives designed for the athletes should be gender neutral.
- c. Women should be encouraged to participate in as many sporting events as possible so that atleast 50% of the Olympic contingent consists of women **in the near future**.

8. Financial aid for athletes during their tenure as Sportspersons

- a. The committee recommends undertaking a National Olympic Scholarship Programme in a phased manner. It must guarantee minimum, but fixed financial aid to every athlete who does well at the national level. This funding needs to be scaled up as athletes begin to compete on the world stage.
- b. Private funding to individual athletes is still very low, as compared to other nations. Athletes should be trained to raise funds from private sources as well. Besides, incentives to donors and sponsors will also spur such private sector participation.

9. Financial Security for medal winning athletes and their coaches during and post their sports careers

- a. The Ministry must place before the Standing Committee on Education, Women, Children, Youth and Sports a formula at the earliest for ensuring financial security for medal winning athletes and their coaches during and post their sports careers. The Ministry must formulate such a formula based on the sportsperson and coach's contribution to the Flag for the Sports. This formula must

take care of financial security as mentioned above including consideration regarding stipends, jobs, post-retirements annuities, etc.

- b. There have been several instances of athletes not getting government jobs even after bringing medals in major international games. There should be an assured 3% sports quota reservation in government jobs for all the medal-winning athletes. For the period of unemployment, the Department should grant easily accessible financial aid.
- c. **The Ministry must give the cover of Life Insurance and Health Insurance to all Olympians as a mark of respect for their services to the country.**

10. Budgetary Allocation

- a. **Increased allocation for TOPS programme:** TOPS is being used as a top-up programme for covering discretionary expenses that NSFs cannot fund. This is unacceptable. TOPS as an independent programme should be reaffirmed and increased allocation for Olympic preparations should be made at the earliest.
- b. **Stop practice of slashing “Support to NSF” funds:** It has become a practice to keep slashing funds in Revised Estimates (RE) as compared to Budgeted allocation under “Support to NSF”. This fund should not be seen as a soft target and funds slashed indiscriminately which affects Olympics preparations.

11. Best Practices

- a. **Talent Spotting:** In the identified Priority and High Priority Sports by the Ministry, the focus should be on talent spotting from the bottom-up, from the Panchayats, Blocks and Districts of India. Talent should be spotted from the School levels and nurtured to the Olympics level.
- b. **Comparative analysis:** of top medal winning Countries in these priority and high priority Sports and strategies employed by them in their:
 - i. Talent Spotting
 - ii. Training
 - iii. Event-Day peaking and build-up for the Sportsperson and Athlete
 - iv. Nutrition, Diet and Physio Support
- c. **Ministry should work towards building world-class infrastructure and facilities as per international standards. A sincere and institutionalized effort should be made to ensure maintenance of the infrastructure so created.**
- d. **Training abroad:** Focus should be on sending sportspersons and athletes for training abroad so that they have the best training at international standards of excellence.

- e. **Specialisation in Supporting Staff and their dedicated availability:** To ensure that the Supporting Staff for the athletes and sportspersons have the requisite specialisation or are provided substantial training for improving their specialisation and their dedicated availability is ensured.
- f. There have been cases of high-performing players being excluded from the TOPS scheme. It is suggested to reassess the list, and create a wider net to include those deserving and left out from the TOPS list.
- g. Though the Department of Sports has already identified High priority Disciplines and Priority Disciplines based on winning potential, an outcome-oriented approach should be deployed in training of the athletes belonging to these disciplines.
- h. With the postponement of the games, India can gain from a bigger pool of athletes who could win an Olympic quota for the 2021 games. A transparent selection process, along with the calendar for each priority discipline should be laid out.
- i. States should recognise 'sports' as an industry via their respective industrial policies to provide an impetus to the sector, and encourage investment in infrastructure development. This would open up opportunities for availing of subsidy, loan and assistance from private and government sources.
- j. The Department should consider encouraging private investments in the sector. Current CSR contributions to sport only amount to about a paltry 2% of all CSR funds. Providing special incentives to invest in sports will aid in attracting the corporate world.

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE DEPARTMENT-RELATED PARLIAMENTARY
STANDING COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT**

**II
SECOND MEETING**

The Committee on Human Resource Development met on Tuesday, the 22nd October, 2019 at 3.00 p.m., in Committee Room No. A, Parliament House Annexe, New Delhi.

MEMBERS PRESENT

RAJYA SABHA

1. Dr. Satyanarayan Jatiya - *Chairman*
2. Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad
3. Shri Sasmit Patra
4. Shri Gopal Narayan Singh
5. Shri Akhilesh Prasad Singh

LOK SABHA

6. Shri Rajendra Agrawal
7. Shri Lavu Sri Krishna Devarayalu
8. Shri Sadashiv Kisan Lokhande
9. Dr. Jaisiddeshwar Shivacharya Mahaswamiji
10. Shri Balak Nath
11. Dr. T. R. Paarivendhar
12. Shri Chandeshwar Prasad
13. Shri T. N. Prathapan
14. Shri Ratansinh Magansinh Rathod
15. Shri Jagannath Sarkar
16. Dr. Arvind Kumar Sharma
17. Shri Vishnu Dutt Sharma
18. Shri Dharambir Singh
19. Shri S. Venkatesan
20. Shri Ashok Kumar Yadav

SECRETARIAT

Dr. Shikha Darbari, Joint Secretary and Financial Advisor
Shri Rajiva Srivastava, Director
Shri Vinay Shankar Singh, Additional Director

Smt. Himanshi Arya, Under Secretary
Shri K. Sudhir Kumar, Research Officer
Shri Mohit Misra, Committee Officer
Smt. Suman Khurana, Committee Officer

WITNESSES

DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS

1. Shri Radhey Shyam Julaniya, Secretary
2. Mrs. Kiran Soni Gupta, AS&FA
3. Shri Sandeep Pradhan, DG(SAI)
4. Shri L.S. Singh, Joint Secretary
5. Shri Inder Dhamija, Joint Secretary
6. Shri Rohit Bhardwaj, Director
7. Shri Amin Kumar Yadav, Director
8. Commd. Raja Gopalan, CEO (TOPS)

2. At the outset, the Chairman welcomed the members to the sitting of the Committee and apprised them about the agenda of the meeting i.e., major programmes and policies being implemented by the Department, achievements made so far, constraints faced by the Department in this regard and views to accomplish its programmes and policies as well as status of Khelo India Scheme, preparation for Tokyo Olympics 2020, and status of Sports University at Manipur, Imphal. Thereafter, the Joint Secretary and Financial Advisor of the Secretariat briefed about the achievements of the Chairman and his contributions made to the Committee.

3. The Chairman then welcomed the Secretary, Department of Sports and his team to the meeting and requested them to brief the Committee on the major programmes and policies being implemented by the Department, achievements made so far, constraints faced by the Department in this regard and views to accomplish its programmes and policies as well as status of Khelo India Scheme, preparation for Tokyo Olympics 2020, and status of Sports University at Manipur, Imphal. The Chairman also desired to know about the status of contribution to NSDF, the Fit India initiative and other recent steps taken by the Department in the field of Sports.

4. The Secretary introduced himself and other officers accompanying him to the Committee and then made a brief power point presentation covering the different aspects of the agenda of the meeting.

5. The Secretary informed the Committee that National Sports Policy, 2001 has twin objectives of broad-basing of sports and achieving excellence in Sports at National and International levels. He further highlighted the various schemes of Department of Sports like, Khelo India Scheme, Assistance to National Sports Federations, Human Resource Development in Sports, Sports Institutions, Sports Awards Scheme and so on.

6. The Secretary informed that NSDF has been operational since 1998 and the objective is of promotion of sports for achieving excellence at both National and International levels. He further added that the present corpus is of Rs. 106 crore and the total funds received so far are Rs. 160.76 crore. The Committee was also briefed about the other major policies of the Department.

7. The Members thereafter sought clarifications on the following issues:-

(i) the funding pattern of the sports infrastructure projects, with special regard to Indian sports like Kabbadi, Wrestling, Kho-Kho etc.

(ii) the steps taken to increase the presence of SAI centres in the country and the budget outlay for SAI;

(iii) the steps taken to motivate the corporate entities to give funds under their corporate social responsibility initiative to sports and even try to adopt villages and blocks for sports development;

- (iv) road map for inviting private contributions to sports on the lines of PPP initiatives; and
- (v) road map to expedite the National Sports University at Imphal and the steps taken so far.

8. The Secretary, Department of Sports further informed the Committee about the shortage of coaches in SAI. He described that the present strength of coaches is 780 only and there is alarming shortage of 720 coaches. As regards the shortage of Funds, he apprised the Committee that there is acute shortage of funds and he was compelled to borrow Rs. 40 crore from NSDF to manage salaries and expenses of sports hostels upto November, 2019. He also informed the Committee about the area specific talent available in country whom the Department needs to focus in order to promote sports.

9. The Chairman appreciated the efforts made by the Department and its associated organizations in promoting sports and providing support and motivation to the athletes in the country. He, however, was of the opinion that more efforts were needed to identify and groom the athletes so that they can bring glory to the country in sports.

10. The Secretary, Department of Sports replied to some of the queries of the Members. With regard to queries not answered orally, the Chairman directed the Secretary to send the written replies to the Secretariat, at the earliest.

(The Witnesses then withdrew)

11. The Chairman, on the basis of inputs received from the Members, made an announcement about the selection of following subjects by the Committee for examination during the year 2019-20:-

I. Department of Higher Education:

- (i) National Education Policy-Education and its Management within available resources.
- (ii) Faculty position in higher education sector.
- (iii) Education loan facilities available to Students.

II. Department of School Education & Literacy

- (i) Functioning of Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya.
- (ii) Better implementation of the Provisions of RTE Act with special emphasis on Section 12(i) (c) on EWS reservations.
- (iii) Teacher recruitment and Training;
- (iv) Functioning of C.B.S.E.

III. Ministry of Women and Child Development:

- (i) Functioning of Central Adoption Resource Agency (CARA).
- (ii) Evaluation of Anganwadi services-Objectives, achievements, infrastructure in Anganwadi Centres and working conditions of Anganwadi workers/Anganwadis helpers and adequacy of their honorarium.

IV. Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports

- (i) Preparation for 2020 Olympic Games;
- (ii) Implementation of Khelo India Programme; and
- (iii) Status of National Sports University, Manipur

12. A Verbatim record of the proceedings of the meeting of the Committee was kept.

13. The Committee then adjourned at 4.45 pm.

VINAY SHANKAR SINGH
Additional Director

New Delhi
22nd October, 2019

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE DEPARTMENT-RELATED PARLIAMENTARY
STANDING COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT**

I

FIRST MEETING

The Committee on Human Resource Development met at 10.30 A.M on Tuesday, 27th October, 2020 in Committee Room- 'A', Parliament House Annexe, New Delhi.

MEMBERS PRESENT

RAJYA SABHA

1. **Dr. Vinay P. Sahasrabudhe** - *Chairman*
2. Smt. Arpita Ghosh
3. Shri. Bhubaneswar Kalita
4. Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad
5. Dr. Sasmit Patra

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6. Shri D.M. Kathir Anand
7. Shri Santokh Singh Chaudhary
8. Shri Lavu Sri Krishna Devarayalu
9. Shri. Sdashiv Kisan Lokhande
10. Shri Asit Kumar Mal
11. Shri Balak Nath
12. Shri T.N. Prathapan
13. Shri Jagannath Sarkar
14. Shri Dharmbir Singh

SECRETARIAT

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2. Shri Rajiva Srivastava, Director
3. Smt. Himanshi Arya, Deputy Secretary
4. Shri Mohit Misra, Committee Officer
5. Smt. Suman Khurana, Committee Officer

WITNESSES

SPORTS AUTHORITY OF INDIA

1. Shri Sandeep Pradhan, Director General
2. Commander Rajagopalan, CEO (TOPS)

INDIAN OLYMPIC ASSOCIATION

3. Shri Rajeev Mehta, Secretary General
4. Shri George Mathew

JOURNALISTS

5. Shri Rajesh Kalra, Executive Chairman, Asianet News.
6. Shri Vijay Lokapally, Eminent Sports Journalist.

SPORTS FEDERATIONS

HOCKEY INDIA

7. Gyanendro Ningombam, Officiating President,
8. Ms. Ealena Norman, CEO

BOXING FEDERATION OF INDIA

9. Shri Ajay Singh, President
10. Shri R.K. Sacheti, Executive Director

NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION OF INDIA

11. Shri Raninder Singh, President
12. Shri Rajiv Bhatia, Secretary
13. Shri Ajay Singh, Member

WRESTLING FEDERATION OF INDIA

14. Shri V.N. Prasood, Secretary General
15. Shri Vinod Tomar, Asstt. Secretary

INDIAN WEIGHTLIFTING FEDERATION

16. Shri Sahdev Yadav, SG
17. Shri Suneet Chopra, Assistant Secretary

DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS

18. Shri Ravi Mital, Secretary
19. Shri L.S. Singh, Jt. Secretary
20. Shri Arun Kumar Yadav, Director
21. Shri SPS Tomar, Deputy Secretary

2. At the outset, the Chairman welcomed the Members to the first meeting of the newly constituted Committee and informed them regarding the proposed name change of the Committee due to the change in the nomenclature of the Departments/Ministries dealt under it. He stated that the name of the Committee usually is synonymous of the Ministries it represents and it is, therefore, under the consideration of the Hon'ble Chairman, Rajya Sabha. He further welcomed the newly nominated Members to the Committee meeting and informed the Members regarding the agenda of the meeting.

3. The Chairman informed the Members regarding the importance of the subject taken up by the Committee and stated that although the Olympic Games 2020 has been postponed due to COVID- 19 pandemic, it is scheduled to happen in 2021. Therefore it is expected from our athletes/ sportspersons that they would continue with their preparation and become victorious in the upcoming Olympic games. He further stated that the meeting, therefore, is to deliberate on the aforesaid issues and to discuss a new roadmap for the proper alignment of resources and priorities.

4. The Chairman then welcomed the Director General, Sports Authority of India and CEO (TOPS) to make

their submissions regarding the preparedness done, the strategies adopted or needed to be incorporated and the impediments faced in addressing the issues pertaining to the preparation for the upcoming Olympic Games 2021 in specific, international games in general and way forward.

5. The Director General, Sports Authority of India, informed the Committee that, the Olympic Games are organized by the International Olympic Committee and its recognized national associations in every country. In our country it is coordinated through the Indian Olympic Association (IOA), which has under it all different sports played in the Olympics and all the National Sports Federations (NSF). He further mentioned that when Olympic Games are held in any country, it is the International Olympic Committee that decides the sports and the respective events and intimates it to the Indian Olympic Association. Thereafter, the National Sports Federation selects the sportspersons and teams, who represent India in the international games. The entire procedure related to organization, coordination and accreditation is done by IOA and SAI works closely with the Olympic Association and the National Sports Federation in this regard.

6. The Director General also mentioned about the two important schemes of the Government i.e. Assistance to National Sports Federation scheme, which provides funds and all facilities to the National Sports Federation and for the overall upliftment of the game and the scheme which is designed to assist an individual athlete-Target Olympic Podium. He further informed the committee that the TOP Scheme comes under the high priorities disciplines and hopes to win the medals in 2021 and 2024. He also briefed about the quota system existing in Olympics which decides how many players can represent a country in a given event. He also informed the Committee regarding the funding given to Boxing (12 times) for foreign exposure, the year round training programmes undertaken by the federations and the status of appointment of foreign coaches and support staff by the sports federations.

7. The Chairman, Committee on HRD, and Members raised concerns regarding Quota system and the status of India in the international arena, position of foreign coaches and information on foreign teams who come to India for training, etc. The Chairman also requested statistics regarding the foreign training provided to hockey team, the foreign competitions they have attended, duration of their camping days etc.

8. Replying to the queries raised by the Chairman and Members, Director General, stated that in the last 4 years about 37 million rupees have been contributed to the Gopichand Academy, through different schemes, most of which was contributed to organising national camp, for securing equipments and to fund individual player. He further stated that, there is no statistics on the training provided and camps attended by the Indian teams and players.

9. While explaining the quota system in the Olympics and answering the queries of the Chairman, Committee

on HRD, CEO (TOPS) informed the Committee that with the quota system increases the number of athletes who qualifies for the game. He gave examples of Hockey and Archery in this regard and stated that in hockey there are two separate quota for women and men teams which qualifies 16 players from each team alongwith the 2 extras in each team, whereas, in archery, if a team qualifies, then the individual members of that team can also take part in the games and thus every federation has different rules with regard to quota system. He also answered in affirmative on the query on training of foreign teams in India. He stated that whenever there is an international competition in India, the foreign teams reach 10-15 days in advance to get acclimatize.

10. Thereafter the Members raised various concerns regarding the status and importance of equestrian sports in India, shortage of foreign coaches, vacant/inactive training centers under many sports federations etc.

11. In the concluding submissions, Director General, SAI, stated that Indian Government has spent 3.5-4 crores of rupees in previous four years to provide extra support and training facilities to International players. He stated that the government had spent Rs.47 lakhs for the treatment of the injuries, assignment of coach and a physiotherapist of an international player alone. He also mentioned about the measures taken to coordinate with the Olympic-bound athletes scattered in different centers through SOPs, allocation of coloured badges to the public in Green, Yellow and Red zones, to alert athletes and the planning done for 2024 and 2028 by declaring 23 SAI Training Centers as National Center of Excellence for the preparation of the Olympics jointly by Federation and SAI for 2024 and 2028 games.

12. Thereafter the Chairman invited the representatives of Indian Olympic Association, to make their submissions.

13. Secretary General, IOA, in his submission stated that IOA has received immense support from the Ministry in funding and coordinating classes through Zoom App. He stated that about 90 to 130 players are expected to qualify for the Olympic Games and the selection process is still going on. He stated that they are now focusing on the travel and accommodation arrangements of the players. He stated that, the biggest problem they currently face is with regard to the training/ practice of the athletes. He stated that to tackle the problem they have distributed masks in collaboration with the IIT students, which have been given to some players for trials.

14. Thereafter, the Members raised concerns on Target Olympic Podium and the eight disciplines selected, the preparation for Olympic Games in the post pandemic situation, the challenges faced to meet the targets, international exposure and tournaments, sponsorships, vacant posts of support staff, coaches, doctors and related positions, leveraging technology through artificial intelligence to boost stimulation of the players, selection of non-sportsmen or non-sports officials were travelling along with Olympic athletes. The Members also asked questions on the preparations initiated or need to be initiated for the future Olympic games happening after 15-16 years, the mode of selection and training of future athletes, provision made for the under

privileged children to come to the mainstream games, guaranteed jobs for the retired players to attract more youth to sports, the expenses incurred on Indian Olympic participant to win a medal and the expenses incurred from 2016 to 2020 etc. Members also suggested the integration of sports and education in the school level, objective selection of the athletes and sportspersons, and providing an open platform to the sport talents of the country like in *Indian idol* and promotion of Olympic Games disciplines from the ground level and inclusion of *Kabbadi* in the Olympic discipline.

15. Secretary, IOA, answering to the queries raised by the Members, stated that the reason why India is behind in the medal tally is due to the lack of infrastructure. He stated that India and China have same population ratio however China has 1, 69,000 stadiums whereas many Indian states are completely empty with no indoor stadiums/stadiums/ athletic grounds or Astro turfs. He further stated that the IOA is providing scholarships for those players whose sponsorship has been cancelled due to COVID-19.

16. Answering to the queries raised by the Members, Director General, SAI, stated that they would like to answer most of the questions raised in writing as there are issues which need to be clarified. He also stated that there has been planning and preparations done for 2024-28, that information will also be furnished in writing.

17. Further, there were suggestions from the Members on the integration of the sportspersons, corporate industry with the resources and of the States. The Members suggested IOA, SAI to prepare a comprehensive project which is useful not only for the current Olympics, but also for future Olympics as well.

18. Appreciating the suggestions made by the Members, the Chairman on HRD, recalled the attention of the Members to the recommendations made by the Committee previously on 'Khelo India' Report which stated that the Department, in coordination with the State Government, should identify private residential schools having sports infrastructure and facilities for at least four sports discipline of international specified standards and develop them under 'Khelo India' Scheme as model residential sports schools or centers of excellence in sports where children are allowed to nurture and develop their sports talent. The Chairman further reminded the witnesses that the Committee has the standing of a mini Parliament and it has to be given importance, or, need to be provided with reasons why its recommendations cannot be implemented.

19. Thereafter, Chairman invited the Shri Rajesh Kalra, Executive Chairman, Asianet News and Shri Vijay Lokapally, Eminent Sports Journalist, to provide their insight and recommendations to the Committee.

20. Addressing the Committee, Shri Rajesh Kalra, stated that the Olympic Task Force constituted by the Prime Minister in 2017 had submitted its report regarding all the issues raised in the present Committee meeting. He further stated that the report had recommendations for long-term, short-term and medium-term, which are required by the country to be done and which are practical, however it was never implemented. He further stated that, the country has enough resources to deliver the result. He further briefed the recommendation provided under the report, like three-fold strategy, which is athlete centric, demarcating the policy regulations

and operational functions, constitution of independent, autonomous and accountable, inclusion of sports under the Concurrent List, National Sports Regulatory Board to regulate all stakeholders, redefine the role of Sports Authority of India to run excellence academies focusing on identifying the Olympic sports alone, creation of an Athlete Development Board to ensure well-being of athletes, including their grievances and post-retirement benefits etc.

21. Thereafter, Shri Vijay Lokapally, gave his submission and stated that, the Government need to ensure COVID vaccination for all Tokyo-bound athletes as a first priority. He also stated that another major area which the countries overlook is the mental health of sportsmen. He gave suggestions regarding employing psychologists who can prepare and help the athletes who are in bio-bubble, increasing dope testing to ensure that the sportsmen get enough competitions before they go to the Olympics and best coaches to train Under-16 players.

22. Thereafter, the Chairman asked the witnesses to provide opinion as to who can be held as the most responsible for whatever happening or not happening in the field of sports, to which they named Sport Federations pointing out their lack of dynamism and accountability and scientific approach, as reasons.

23. Thereafter, the Chairman invited the representatives of various Sports Federations for making their submissions. He further stated that due to the shortage of time, the Committee will hear the Sport Federations in brief and invite them again in November to have an elaborate discussion.

24. The representatives of the Sports Federations in their submission briefly explained the Committee regarding the categories and disciplines under which they are sending participants to the Olympics. They also provided a brief medal winning history under each category/ discipline. They also informed the Committee regarding the preparatory championship and tournaments attended by the Olympic aspirants. They have also mentioned about measures undertaken to attract the talents from the grassroot levels like televisionising the sports through live telecast, live streaming on YouTube etc.

25. Thereafter, the Chairman invited the Secretary, Department of Sports, to make his submission on the preparations for 2020 Olympic Games. He informed the Secretary that due to the shortage of time, the Committee will hear the department briefly and would reinvoke them in November to have a detailed hearing and discussion.

26. Secretary, Department of Sports, in his submission had stated that the Department would like to know the recommendations of the Committee, so that they could implement them. He briefly stated about the approved Sports Code, 2011 and the draft Sports Code, 2017. He stated that the Government appointed a Committee under a retired Supreme Court Judge to review the draft Code, to invite suggestions. However the hon. High

Court stayed the Committee. Subsequently a PIL was filed in the Supreme Court, and is pending for last 10 years. He further stated that the Department has implemented the major recommendations with regard to the preparation for the Olympics and would send the Committee a detailed Action Taken Report on the work done.

27. Thereafter the Chairman requested information on the major exercise done to critically assess the performance in Olympic Games, recommendations made and actions taken. Members also raised questions on important issues namely status of implementation of the recommendations made by the Committee previously and its progress, status of implementation of schemes constituted to increase or strengthen the infrastructure in the rural areas, funding provided under MPLADS, for the construction of indoor stadiums or stadiums, roadmap made for providing infrastructure in the schools, universities and urban areas etc.

28. The meeting then adjourned at 1.35 p.m.

New Delhi
27th October, 2020

Rajiva Srivastava
Director

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE DEPARTMENT-RELATED PARLIAMENTARY
STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, WOMEN, CHILDREN, YOUTH AND SPORTS**

II

SECOND MEETING

**The Committee on Education, Women, Children, Youth And Sports met at 10.30 A.M on
Wednesday, 18th November, 2020 in Committee Room 'A', Parliament House Annexe, New Delhi.**

MEMBERS PRESENT

RAJYA SABHA

1. **Dr. Vinay P. Sahasrabuddhe** - *Chairman*
2. Smt. Arpita Ghosh
3. Shri. Bhubaneswar Kalita
4. Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad
5. Dr. Sasmit Patra
6. Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia
7. Shri Gopal Narayan Singh
8. Shri Akhilesh Prasad Singh

LOK SABHA

9. Shri Rajendra Agarwal
10. Shri Lavu Sri Krishna Devarayalu
11. Shri Sangamlal Kadedin Gupta
12. Shri Jagannath Sarkar
13. Shri Vishnu Dutt Sharma
14. Dr. Arvind Kumar Sharma
15. Shri Dharmbir Singh
16. Shri S. Venkatesan

SECRETARIAT

1. Dr. Shikha Darbari, Joint Secretary and Financial Advisor
2. Shri Rajiva Srivastava, Director
3. Shri Sammer Kapoor, Deputy Secretary
4. Shri Mohit Misra, Committee Officer

WITNESSES

SPORTS FEDERATIONS

HOCKEY INDIA

1. Shri Mohammad Mushtaq Ahmad, President
2. Ms. Ealena Norman, CEO

BOXING FEDERATION OF INDIA

1. Shri Ajay Singh, President
2. Shri R.K. Sacheti, Executive Director

WRESTLING FEDERATION OF INDIA

1. Shri Vinod Tomar, Asstt. Secretary
2. Shri Satyapal Deshpal, Treasurer

INDIAN WEIGHTLIFTING FEDERATION

1. Shri Suneet Chopra, Assistant Secretary
2. Shri Pal Singh Sandhu, Dronacharya Awardee

ARCHERY ASSOCIATION OF INDIA

1. Shri Viren Sachdeva, Member Core Group

EMINENT SPORTSPERSON AND OLYMPIAN

1. Shri Gagan Narang
2. Shri Sushil Kumar

2. At the outset, the Chairman, welcomed the Members and informed them that the Hon'ble Chairman, Rajya Sabha in consultation with the Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha, had changed the name of the DRPSC on Human Resource Development to DRPSC on Education, Women, Children, Youth and Sports.

3. The Chairman informed the Members that the meeting had been convened to hear the representatives of Sports Federations and eminent sportspersons and Olympians, S/Shri Gagan Narang and Sushil Kumar, regarding their perception, views and assessment on preparation for Olympic Games, 2021. He further informed the Committee that an advertisement had been issued in the newspapers inviting comments from public and representatives of National Archery Federation who had responded to the advertisement and hence they have also been invited to appear before the Committee on their request. He further informed that the Committee would hear the Secretary, Department of Sports and DG, SAI on a later date as they have recently come in contact with COVID-affected staff and hence as a precautionary measure they have been exempted to attend the meeting.

4. Thereafter representatives of Hockey India appeared before the Committee to share their views about preparations for the Tokyo Olympics. The CEO Hockey India informed that they were facing difficulties in scheduling matches and planning tournaments in the pandemic time as after undertaking a journey, players had to go into quarantine. She discussed about creating a bio-bubble facility where the players could still have some training away from public. For which she informed about the need of last minute approvals, multiple visas, allowance for taking maximum number of players for international tournaments, additional funds for international travels for accelerating training, fitness, preparations and Ministry's cooperation for the same. She further informed that since MRI and X-Ray facilities were also needed within the SAI Centre which currently are not available. Having such facilities at the SAI Centers would reduce quarantine period for players who had to visit hospitals outside their training camps for availing medical facilities.

5. On being asked by the Chairman about the unique nomenclature and legal identity under which they

were operating, she informed that they were a Society registered in Delhi, formed by amalgamating Indian Men's Hockey Federation and Indian Women's Hockey Federation. The Chairman asked the representatives to share details of the assessment exercise undertaken to evaluate the lacunae or shortcomings during the last four years, i.e. after 2016 Olympics.

6. Members sought details regarding bio-bubble, negotiations with foreign countries in easing quarantine norms, options for multiple visas or twelve-month open visas for players, increased funding to support and reimbursement cost of tournaments in case of foreign travel and postponement, provision for MRI machine, filling up of staff vacancies, coaches with TCUP training, doctors, action plan for conducting foreign tournaments etc. which were suitably replied by the representatives of Hockey India. Further clarification sought by Members regarding the jurisdiction and authority of multiple entities in implementing the game strategies, organizational structures, steps taken to identify talents from the grassroots and authority responsible for popularizing the game in India etc. were also replied suitably.

7. Thereafter the representatives of the Boxing Federation of India in their submission before the Committee stated that Government was giving around 50 crores rupees to them which was spent primarily on camps and sending players to international tournaments directly by the Government in a joint programme i.e. Annual Calendar for Training and Competitions' (ACTC) under the 'Scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations'. He further stated that present focus was more on International Championships and they had requested for some reallocation of funds for holding international championships in India and also organizing / promoting National Championships. He also stated that they were also raising funds from corporate sponsors for meeting the requirements which were not covered under the government funding. He also stated that the entire Olympic contingent had been sent to Assisi, Italy for practice as there are no camps and tournaments currently operational in India. He further stated that more High Performance Centres are required to be set up and the existing sports facilities in India, e.g. Patiala Centre, needs to be upgraded to attract more foreign players and tournaments. Another area of concern was increasing funding for soft skills viz. coaches, medical staff, nutritionists, psychologists etc. who had low salary band due to which the best talent in the field moved elsewhere. There was also a need to increase our referee judges who play a vital role in case of close bouts. He also stated that the long-term goal for India would be to develop skilled trainers within the country rather than resorting to foreign coaches and trainers.

8. The Members sought to know whether any blueprint had been prepared for including more talents from every province of the country, responsibility for the performance or non-performance of the players etc. and asked them to share details thereof.

9. Thereafter the representatives of Wrestling Federation of India in their submissions to the Committee

highlighted that the process of recruiting the foreign coaches was lengthy and requested to make it flexible for the ease of appointing foreign coaches for a longer period of time. He also emphasized upon the requirement of two coaches and one physiotherapist on which the Members desired to know as to why two coaches were needed, the representative clarified that one coach was needed to keep an eye on the score board and the other for assisting the weightlifters for warm-up.

10. During the interregnum between departure and appearance of further witnesses, the Chairman asked the Members to share their preference of the subjects which they intended the Committee to take up for examination during its current term and asked them to inform in writing.

11. Thereafter the representatives of Archery Association of India in their submissions before the Committee stated that archery was impacted more by COVID restrictions in comparison to other games, being an outdoor game as the shooting ranges of 70 meters and 90 meters are situated in open and there was lack of indoor practicing facilities in India. He further suggested that a compulsory chapter on Olympic game as education must be included in the syllabus 6th class onwards for introducing children to the games early. The representative of the Archery Association replied to the queries of the Members regarding the availability of psychological training of sportspersons according to global standards, Olympic Medal probabilities as compared to the success rate in other world championships etc.

12. The representative of the Archery Association further stated that psychological training was an important factor in individual sports and a permanent mental health trainer and yoga instructor was required for the team on a long term basis as long term associations benefits the player.

13. Thereafter the eminent sportspersons and Olympians appeared before the Committee for sharing their perspective about the preparation for Tokyo Olympic games. They apprised the Committee that so far 74 Indian athletes including 2 teams have been qualified for Tokyo Olympics and after a poor performance in shooting 2016, presently 15 shooters are qualified for 2021 games. He further stated that Tokyo Olympics could be the most spread out games till date due to the changes made in structure of the games because of Covid-19 and making logistics a challenge as competition venues are not very close to athlete villages. He suggested that in the present scenario the athletes need to be self-reliant more than ever as the support and management teams will be spread too thin across various venues. He further stated that players needed 4 -14 days for acclimatizing to various factors on a foreign land such as heat & humidity which affects endurance and recovery levels. He further stated that period required to recover from jetlag and travel fatigue is of crucial importance and is often overlooked while planning the travel. He also mentioned the importance of support staff, pre-acclimatization trips, high-pressure competition structure, venue and facility familiarization video etc. and finalization of the teams as early as possible for early planning for their travel etc.

14. Discussing the challenges, he further stated that the current sports administrative system in India had too many stakeholders involved, which leads to delay in decision making and distribution of responsibility. He further mentioned about the importance of financial and functional autonomy of sports bodies as presently the National Sports Federations were heavily reliant on Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports for funding and had little accountability in terms of the implemented policy to develop its respective sport. He also emphasized on the need to work with local manufacturers and the manufacturing industry to produce more home-grown products rather than importing them from competitor countries to reduce our heavy reliance on imported equipment and consumables. He also suggested a four-point action plan for Indian ecosystem considering short term and long term Olympic Perspective along with developing Indian sporting culture. He emphasized that there was a need for a system to retain the athletes post their peak within the sporting ecosystem and benefit from their vast experience and knowledge. They informed the Committee about the impact of delay in appointing foreign coaches, the importance of having individual and specialist coach for a longer period of time etc. They also suggested that it would be good if the current national coaches work with the players individual coaches, as individual coaches deal with players day in and day out. They further suggested that Olympic games medal winners being role models, may be taken to the camps run by SAI in villages, block and district levels etc. for popularizing the games and boosting players.

15. On being asked by Members about the minimum number of accreditation passes required for essential staff, physical and psychological trainers etc, the Committee was informed that for individual sports, one coach and one physiotherapist were needed, the number of accreditation passes depended on the size of contingent, but if a local team plays and they liaison well with the Organising Committee more accreditation passes could be secured.

16. The Chairman thereafter requested the Members to send their suggestions in writing.

17. The meeting then adjourned at 12.52 PM.

New Delhi
18th November, 2020

RAJIVA SRIVASTAVA
DIRECTOR

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE DEPARTMENT-RELATED PARLIAMENTARY
STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, WOMEN, CHILDREN, YOUTH AND SPORTS**

III

THIRD MEETING

The Committee on Education, Women, Children, Youth and Sports met at 2.00 P.M. on Monday, the 7th December, 2020 in Main Committee Room, Parliament House Annexe, New Delhi.

MEMBERS PRESENT

RAJYA SABHA

1. **Dr. Vinay P. Sahasrabuddhe** - *Chairman*
2. Smt Arpita Ghosh
3. Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad
4. Dr. Sasmit Patra
5. Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia
6. Shri Akhilesh Prasad Singh
7. Shri G.K. Vasani

LOK SABHA

8. Shri Rajendra Agarwal
9. Dr. Dhal Singh Bisen
10. Shri Lavu Sri Krishna Devarayalu
11. Shri Sadashiv Kisan Lokhande
12. Shri Anubhav Mohanty
13. Shri Jagannath Sarkar
13. Shri Vishnu Dutt Sharma
14. Dr. Arvind Kumar Sharma
15. Shri Dharmbir Singh
16. Shri S. Venkatesan

SECRETARIAT

Dr. Shikha Darbari, Joint Secretary and Financial Advisor
Shri Rajiva Srivastava, Director
Shri Sammer Kapoor, Deputy Secretary
Smt. Himanshi Arya, Deputy Secretary
Shri Mohit Misra, Committee Officer
Smt. Suman Khurana, Committee Officer

WITNESSES

DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS

1. Shri Ravi Mital, Secretary
2. Shri Sandeep Pradhan, DG, (SAI)
3. Shri L. S. Singh, Joint Secretary
4. Shri Arun Kumar Yadav, Director

At the outset, the Chairman welcomed the Members to the meeting of the Committee and informed them that the Committee would deliberate with the Secretary, Department of Sports and DG, SAI on the issues raised in the course of the discussion on the subject "Preparation for Olympic Games 2021".

2. The Chairman then sought clarifications on the following issues from the Secretary, Department of Sports i.e. (i) Whether the concerned Sports Federations had made any assessment reports on the steps needed to be taken to on the basis of performance in Rio Olympics, 2016, if so, the details thereof; (ii) Steps taken to co-ordinate the efforts of different organizations preparing for Olympics; (iii) reasons for persistence of coaches vacancies in SAI; and (iv) whether there has been on overall reduction in funds to SAI & NSDF over the years, if so, was it adversely effecting Olympics preparations.

3. The Committee, then sought further clarifications on the following issues i.e. (i) Whether the Department can propose a modification of the slogan Beti Bachao Beti Padhao can be modified by adding Beti Khilao as this would help motivating the girl child to take up sports as a career; (ii) whether private schools and colleges have been made a part of the initiative wherein 15 lakh schools were associated for promoting hockey at grass-root level. In this respect; (iii) steps taken for setting up a National Sports Regulatory Board and National Sports Development Board and a portal for demand and supply of coaches; (iv) what are the difficulties faced by the players on resumption of training post-covid lockdown and the steps taken to remove them; (v) steps taken to ensure that the swimmers are able to get sufficient training in the winter season especially in North- India; (vi) steps taken to create a bio-bubble in collaboration with other countries, concerned NSFs and MEA so that the players get sufficient training and match practice before the main event; (vii) whether the PSUs are offering jobs to all the players or is it restricted to only cricket and hockey and whether any proposal to set-up an Olympics scholarship for the players is being considered; (viii) steps taken by SAI and other organizations to promote and encourage Indian coaches; (ix) issue regarding discrimination between Paralympics winners and normal athletes. In this respect, what steps are being taken to ensure financial support to differently-abled athletes; (x) steps taken by the Department for providing sports quota upto 3% and for relaxing the educational requirements in government jobs; (xi) Steps taken to expedite the trials of the medal winners in the government jobs, as the same got stalled due to lockdown; and (xii) steps taken to ensure jobs for winners in special Olympics/Paralympics and for lowering the need for educational qualifications for them.

4. The Secretary, Department of Sports informed that a restructuring exercise was going on for last few years in SAI and as soon as it is done, recruitment of coaches would be done. However, a large number of coaches have been engaged under Khelo India to ensure there was no shortage of coaches. He also informed that the prize money for the medal winners had also been increased in the recent past. The Committee was further informed that the training of players was done through NSFs and NSDF, TOPs comes into the picture

when some expenditure cannot be met through NSDF and it is especially for the elite players.

5. As regards, co-ordination between different agencies, it was informed that SAI makes all possible efforts to provide the best possible venues for training of the players selected for Olympics and even co-ordinates with private academies for the purpose. The Committee was further informed that the players were at present training in bio-bubble conditions and as of date no request had been received from the NSFs for providing bio-bubble conditions in other countries for training and conduct of competitive matches.

6. The Department further informed that they are trying to increase the educational levels of the sportspersons to help them get jobs. The Department was in the process of training a scheme for providing both training and education to the players so that they become eligible for different jobs.

7. The Chairman, thereafter decided to constitute a sub-Committee with Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia as its convenor and Dr. Sasmit Patra and Shri Lavu Sri Krishna Devarayalu as members to prepare a report on the subject for the consideration of the Committee. He further stressed upon the Department to furnish detailed comments/clarifications on the issues raised in the meeting at the earliest.

8. The meeting then adjourned at 3.49 P.M.

NEW DELHI
7th December, 2020

RAJIVA SRIVASTAVA
DIRECTOR

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE DEPARTMENT-RELATED PARLIAMENTARY
STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, WOMEN, CHILDREN, YOUTH AND SPORTS**

IV

FOURTH MEETING

**The Committee on Education, Women, Children, Youth and Sports met at 11.00 A.M. on
Wednesday, the 23rd December, 2020 in Committee Room 'A', Parliament House Annexe, New Delhi.**

MEMBERS PRESENT

RAJYA SABHA

1. **Dr. Vinay P. Sahasrabudde** - *Chairman*
2. Smt Arpita Ghosh
3. Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad
4. Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia
5. Shri Gopal Narayn Singh
6. Shri Akhilesh Prasad Singh
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10. Shri Lavu Sri Krishna Devarayalu
11. Shri Sangamlal Kadedin Gupta
12. Shri Sadashiv Kisan Lokhande
13. Shri Balak Nath
14. Shri Ratansinh Magansinh Rathod
15. Shri Jagannath Sarkar
16. Shri Vishnu Dutt Sharma
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Shri Mohit Misra, Committee Officer
Smt. Suman Khurana, Committee Officer

At the outset, the Chairman, welcomed the members of the Committee and informed them that the meeting had been called to consider and adopt the following draft reports:

- (i) No. 317 on the subject "Preparation for Olympics - 2021"
- (ii) No. 318 reg ATR on 311th Report on Khelo India Scheme;
- (iii) No. 319 reg ATR on 315th Report on Demands for Grants 2020-21 (Demand No. 101) of the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports.

2. Thereafter, the convener of the Sub Committee made a power-point presentation to the Committee on the draft 317th Report on Preparations for Olympics-2021 and informed that they had made 48 recommendations under 11 headings for short, medium and long term action plan to lay a road map for increasing India's medal tally in the coming Olympics. The Committee then discussed the draft report and adopted it.
3. The Committee then took up for discussion the draft 318th & 319th Reports and adopted them after some discussion.
4. The Committee keeping in view the fact that only a few months were remaining for the Olympics authorized the Chairman, to present the Reports to the Hon'ble Chairman, Rajya Sabha in the inter-session period so that the Ministry can take action on the recommendations of the Committee. Concluding the meeting, the Chairman sought suggestions on the subjects to be taken up for consideration and asked them to send them by e-mail.
5. The meeting then adjourned at 12.20 P.M.

NEW DELHI
23rd December, 2020

RAJIVA SRIVASTAVA
DIRECTOR

