The ‘Financial Assistance to Outstanding sportspersons for International participation’ Scheme notified vide this Department Resolution No. 135/SYS/ Dtd. 14.01.2003 is hereby revised as “Financial Assistance To Outstanding Sportspersons For International Participation, Advance Training & Coaching” as given below. The revised scheme shall come into force with effect from 1st April, 2017.

"FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO OUTSTANDING SPORTSPERSONS FOR INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPATION, ADVANCE TRAINING & COACHING"

1. OBJECTIVE
With a view to provide opportunity and encouragement to the outstanding sportsperson of the state to expose their talent in the international tournament/competition and also for advance training, it is imperative to render financial support to such sportspersons, to participate in such competitions and undergo training programme for further excellence.

2. DEFINITION
(i) State Association means :- A registered state level sports body duly affiliated to concerned National Federation recognized by Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India.
(ii) National Federation means :- A registered national level sports body duly recognized by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India and affiliated to respective International Federation where an International Federation for the sports exists.
(iii) National participation means :- Participation by representing the State of Odisha being duly authorized by the State Association, either as individual or member of the State team, in any recognized National competition/ Championship/Tournament organized by the concerned National Federation.
(iv) International participation means :- Participation by representing India being duly authorized by the National Federation, either as an individual or member of the National team, in any recognized International competition/Championship/ Tournament organized by the concerned International Federation.
(v) National/International Sporting events means :- Sports events at national or international level duly organised by recognised National Federation or International Federation, as the case may be.
(vi) Advance training means: Undergoing training programme organized by institute/ federations both inside and outside the country.
(vii) Eligible sporting disciplines means :- Sporting disciplines covered under Olympic Games, Commonwealth Games, Asian Games and also sporting disciplines duly recognized by Sports & Youth Services Department, Government of Odisha.
(viii) Outstanding Sportsperson means : Top level sportspersons of Odisha at Sub Junior/ Junior/Youth and Senior Level, who are medal winning prospects in Olympics, World Cup/Championship, Asian/Commonwealth Games, Asian/Commonwealth Championships and International Competition of importance.
3. **ELIGIBILITY**

   (i) To be eligible for financial assistance under the scheme; one must be a resident of the State of Odisha, permanent or otherwise having participated in recognized National/International level sporting events being duly authorized/nominated by the concerned State Association or the National Federation to represent Odisha or India, as the case may be.

   (ii) Sports disciplines recognized by the Government of India/Sports Authority of India/Government of Odisha/Indian Olympic Association/International Olympic Committee are eligible under the purview of this scheme.

   (iii) As far as Disability Sports is concerned, disabled sportspersons of Odisha are also entitled for same financial assistance.

   (iv) The applicant shall be below 30 years of age as on 1st January of the year of application.

4. **APPLICATION**

   Sportspersons interested to receive financial assistance under this scheme are required to submit application in the Department of Sports & Y.S in a prescribed format. The concerned State Sports Association can also recommend such cases suo moto in the prescribed form to this Department. (Prescribed form will be available in sports & Y.S Deptt, Web site www.dsysodisha.gov.in).

5. **INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPATION**

   (a) In order to be eligible for availing financial assistance for international participation an applicant must have been selected through proper procedure for representing the country.

   (b) **QUANTUM OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE** - The quantum of financial assistance will be decided by the Government.

6. **ADVANCE TRAINING AND COACHING**

   The financial assistance will be given for their customized training both in India and abroad and for foreign exposures etc. selections will be made based on the past performance and future potential of the sportspersons as per the criteria determined. Similar procedure will be followed in the case of Chess Players keeping in view the important international tournaments in the discipline.

   (A) **SELECTION PROCEDURE**

   (i) The application will be taken up for consideration twice a year- January and July.

   (ii) The applicant should submit the certified copy of the invoice on training expenses, term & conditions of the training and detail of training Centre/ Institution including whether it is accredited by the International Sports Federation/ Olympic Association of the country where it is located or by Government of the said country. The applicant should also submit details of financial assistance from other sources received for the proposed training inside the country or abroad.

   (B) **DURATION OF TRAINING**

   The duration of training of individual sports persons abroad should ordinarily be for a period of two months in a year. Training abroad over and above this period may be considered after a proper evaluation of the training, which should cover aspects like the performance of the sportspersons, the benefits derived out of such training etc.
(C) SELECTION OF TRAINING INSTITUTES/CENTERS/COACHES
(i) The applicant can choose the training institutes/centre/coaches inside the country or abroad on the basis of information developed and updated in the website by the SAI/ IOA/ NSF from time to time.
(ii) The detail information as regards to coaching fee and charges for other services, if any, for such training & institution for different categories/level of training/coaching should be available.
(iii) The detail information about the training centre/coaches from which the athletes already proved their better performance in international events in the past.

(D) QUANTUM OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
The Sanctioning Committee will decide the quantum of financial assistance to be sanctioned in favour of athlete for training and coaching, subject to approval of Government.
(i) Financial Assistance for Sub- Junior/ Junior/ Youth Category is limited to Rs.5,00,000/- per person per annum(maximum) for training inside the country.
(ii) Financial Assistance for Senior category is limited to Rs 10,00,000/- per person per annum(maximum) for training inside the country.
(iii) Financial Assistance is limited to Rs. 50,00,000/- per person per annum(maximum) for training outside the country.
(iv) The athletes those who are receiving financial support either from other sources/ organization or under different scheme of G.O.I./ S.A.I. for the purpose stated in (i), (ii) & (iii) , in such cases , the expenses which are not covered by the said organization /Gol / SAI will be paid to the selected athlete under this scheme. The uncovered requirement must be mentioned by the applicant in his/her application form.
(v) In exceptional cases govt. may consider sanction of funds beyond the eligibility norms of the scheme to any sportsperson.

(E) SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
Scrutiny of the application shall be made by a Committee under the Chairmanship of Director, Sports and Youth Services Department to be constituted by Commissioner-cum-Secretary, Sports & YS Department with the following members
1. Director-cum-Addl. Secretary, Sports & YS Department Chairman
2. Under Secretary, Sports/Asst. Director, Sports Member
3. Expert member (Coaches of concerned disciplines relating to applications received) Member
4. Technical Cell Members of Sports & YS Department Member
5. Special invitees like eminent sportspersons/ sports administrator may be co-opted Member
6. Branch Officer Concerned Member Convener

The Committee will consider the past performance & future potential of the applicant and give their comments/ views on such applications with specific comments on the points mentioned below within 15 days to the Sanctioning Committee.

(i) The application shall be complete in all respect
(ii) The relevance and importance of any training/coaching keeping in view the preparation for Olympics, World Cup/Championship, Asian/Commonwealth Games, Asian/ Commonwealth Championships and major International Competition will be selected for financial assistance under this scheme.
(iii) The profile of the Institute where training is being imparted and the profile of the Coach as well as other resource person in-charge of the training is to be mentioned in the application form.
(iv) The reasonableness of the coaching fee and other training expenses.
(v) The availability of same or better facilities of training at reasonable rates elsewhere in India or abroad.
(vi) Benchmarks for review of performance bi-annually.
(vii) Collecting information from State level Sports association/ NSF towards their journey expenses and other facilities for international participation.

(F) SANCTIONING COMMITTEE
A Committee with following members will consider the comments/views of the Scrutiny Committee on each application and recommend for sanction of financial assistance on case to case basis, subject to approval of Government.

1. Principal Secretary/Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Government, Sports & Youth Services Department Chairman
2. Director-cum-Addl. Secretary, Sports & YS Department Member
3. AFA-cum-Under Secretary, Sports & YS Department Member
4. Technical Cell Members of Sports & YS Department Member
5. Special Invitee, if any, (to be decided by the Chairman)
6. Under Secretary, Sports/Asst. Director, Sports Member Convener

7. GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITION
(BOTH FOR INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPATION, ADVANCE TRAINING & COACHING)

In case, if any beneficiary deviates the terms & condition the Sports & Youth Services Department, Govt. of Odisha will take the following action:

(i) If the beneficiary is booked by doping or debarred from the Competition by adopting any fraudulent means for which he/ she is punished or banned for any certain period, the amount sanctioned in his / her favour is to be refunded back to the Department

(ii) If he/she did not attend the competition for which he/ she already received the financial assistance from S & Y. S. Deptt. , the beneficiary will refund such assistance received by him/her.

(iii) If he/she is punished for any unlawful reason or failed to attend the training/coaching/competition for which he/ she already received financial assistance from the S & YS Department, in such case the individual will ask to refund the financial assistance with simple interest @ 5% per annum.

(iv) In case any individual in receipt of financial assistance denied to refund the financial assistance for the reason stated above, in such case proper notice shall be served prior to taking any legal action against him/ her.

(v) An undertaking to this effect shall be obtained from any individual prior to release of any such financial assistance.

(vi) The applicant should submit the statement of accounts with supporting documents (vouchers/ bills/receipts) on various items of expenses at the end of training.

(vii) In case any athlete fails to meet the above benchmark, his/her financial support can be withdrawn without prior notice.
8. **REPEAL** - After coming into force of this new scheme “Financial Assistance to Outstanding sportspersons for International Participation, Advance Training & Coaching” with effect from 01-04-2017, the existing scheme “Financial Assistance to Outstanding sportspersons for International Participation” stand repealed automatically.

**ORDER** - Ordered that this Resolution will be published in the next issue of Odisha Gazette and copies supplied to all Departments of Government/All Heads of Departments/All Collectors/All Superintendent of Police for information & necessary action.

By order of Governor

(Vishal Kumar Dev, IAS)
Commissioner-cum-Secretary
Sports & Y.S Department

Memo No. 1760/S&YS Bhubaneswar Dt. 25.02.2017

Copy forwarded to Director Printing, Stationery and Publications, Odisha, Cuttack for information & necessary action. He is requested to publish the same in the next issue of Odisha Gazette and supply 200 copies to this Department.

Director-cum-Addl. Secretary

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Director-cum-Addl. Secretary

Memo No. 1762(S)/S&YS Bhubaneswar Dt. 25.02.2017

Copy to Guard file (50 copies) for information.

Director-cum-Addl. Secretary