

## FAIRPLAY

'Fairplay' is a set of government initiatives aimed at promoting sports among SC population. It also aims at raising sporting standard of sports persons of scheduled caste category.

### Background

1. Affirmative action is required in view of the fact that only 4% of candidates in 8-19 years qualifying for sports scholarship are from SC category. There is a need to put a support system in place so that talented athletes from weaker section of the society can realistically aspire to pursue a career in sports.
2. From 2008-11, an amount of Rs 5.02 crores has been spent on building stadiums and playground in villages with majority SC population. Equipments valued at crores have been provided to schools in the target villages. There is a need to put a viable maintenance and operation mechanism in place for optimum utilization of the facilities created and equipments given.
3. An incentive for promoting of sports among weaker sections of society will help in motivating sports department officials towards this end.

### Aim

Through the scheme, government aims to:

1. Create a level playing fields for athletes from weaker section aspiring for a career in sports by creating conducive playing conditions in a place near to them and extending financial assistance to high performance athletes.
2. Ensure proper maintenance and operation of playgrounds and multipurpose halls built under SC Component Plan.

### Fund

The scheme will be funded from SC Component Plan of the department.

## **Implementing Agency**

The scheme will be implemented by Department of Sports & Youth Affairs through District Sports Councils.

## **Action**

The scheme is specifically meant for villages with more than 40% of SC population. It will fund initiative aimed at accelerated delivery of augmented benefits of department's athlete, infrastructure and youth development schemes to the target villages.

- a) The scheme will provide 100% fund for construction of village and block level stadiums and multipurpose halls at panchayat land of required dimension. These stadiums and halls will be adequately equipped. Sports goods will be made available to participants at the centers being run in these facilities by the government. Schools in such villages will be supported with sports goods and equipments to encourage sporting activities there. Para-trainers will be hired on contract on need basis to run Centers here.
- b) Sports & Youth Clubs undertaking sports promotion and youth development activities in target villages will be given grants-in-aid.
- c) YCOs will be running centers here to help the target beneficiaries develop artistic potential. An award scheme shall be introduced to felicitate coaches and YCOs for outstanding work under the scheme. A database of eligible participants shall be maintained by YCOs in department's adventure sports' camps that will be specifically organized for target beneficiaries.
- d) SC families below poverty line with medal winners at district and state level sporting events shall be supported with cash incentive. For state level participation and winning first three positions, family support per month will be Rs. 1500, 2500, 3000 & 3500 respectively. For the national level, the amount shall be Rs. 5000, 4000 & 3000 respectively. For the international level comparable achievement, the amount shall be Rs. 7000,

6000 & 5000 respectively. The family assistance will have an added Rs. 1000 in case of female athletes. The support will be for one year from the date of such achievements.

- e) For national and international medal winners in SC categories, the department will bear full cost of training, travel and equipment. Such families shall also get accelerated access to other government welfare programs.

### **Expected Outcome**

1. Improved maintenance and operation of sports infrastructure built under SC component plan.
2. Increased interest in sports among SC population of the state reflected in increased participation and higher level of performance.

### **Terms and condition**

1. The scholarships at following rate will be funded from SC Component Plan:
  - (a) Rs. 1500, 2500, 3000, 3500 for participation, bronze, silver and gold at state level competition.
  - (b) Rs 5000, 4000 & 3000 for gold, silver and bronze medals at national level
  - (c) Rs 7000, 6000 & 5000 for gold, silver and bronze at international level.
  - (d) Government will bear all cost in case of international players of recognized tournaments.
  - (e) In case of female athletes, an additional amount of Rs 1000 per month will be paid.
  - (f) The minimum requirement is participation at state level competition in tournaments recognized under Sports Policy, 2009.
2. The condition of 'below poverty line' will be applicable to entry-level athletes only, that is the winners at state level.
3. The benefit will be for the winners of tournaments recognized under the government's sports policy.

4. The applicable period will be financial year subsequent to the achievement. For example, achievers of the financial year 2010-11, will be awarded scholarship for the financial year 2011-12. The highest achievement of the eligible candidate will be considered for the purpose of awarding scholarship.
5. The eligible candidates can apply through the DSO in prescribed format or directly at the department's website.
6. The scholarship amount will be given to the athlete directly through appropriate bank instrument like EZ Pay Card of SBI.
7. Fake claim will disqualify the erring candidate from all future benefits on offer from sports department.
8. Only players domicile of and representing the state of Haryana will be eligible for the scholarship. They will also be required to abstain from drug and anti-social behavior.
9. The award of scholarship will be on first-come-first-serve basis and subject to availability of fund. High performing athletes will be given precedence in award of the scholarship.
10. It is an affirmative measure aimed at creating a level playing field for the weaker section of society subject to fulfillment of condition and availability of fund. No one will be entitled to claim it as a matter of right.

### **Evaluation**

The impact of the program evaluated after three years and corrective action will be taken to make it more effective.