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Government of India  
Ministry of Youth Affair and Sports  
Department of Sports

Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi  
Dated: 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2020

To

The President / Secretary General  
Archery Association of India,  
DDA Yamuna Sports Complex,  
Gate No. 2, Near Archery Ground,  
Surajmal Vihar, Delhi 110092.

**Sub: Restoration of Government recognition of Archery Association of India as the National Sports Federation for promotion and development of sport of Archery in the country – reg.**

Sir,

Archery Association of India (AAI) was granted recognition by this Ministry as a National Sports Federation for promotion and regulation of Archery Sport in the country. The Government recognition of AAI was withdrawn, vide letter no. 57-01/2012SP.II dated 07.12.2012, on account of failure to conduct its elections in accordance with the National Sports Development Code of India, 2011 (Sports Code) despite directions of the Hon'ble Delhi High Court in Writ Petition (C) No. 195 of 2010.

2. The matter was under litigation before the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi and Hon'ble Supreme Court of India. The Hon'ble High Court of Delhi, vide its orders dated 18.10.2019, 01.11.2019, 13.12.2019, 20.12.2019 and 10.01.2020 defined issues relating to electoral college and timelines for preparation thereof. The Hon'ble Court also appointed Shri P.K. Tripathi, former Chief Secretary, Government of NCT of Delhi, as Returning Officer for conduct of the election of AAI. After settlement of the certain issues arisen during October 2019 to January 2020, the election of Office Bearers and Executive Committee of AAI were conducted by Shri PK Tripathi on 18.01.2020. This Ministry also deputed an Observer from Sports Authority of India to the said election, who has concluded in his report that the election was conducted in transparent, free and fair manner without any complaint from anyone. The Report of High Court appointed Returning Officer on the said election has been supplied to this Ministry. The result has been examined in light of this Sports Code provisions on Age & Tenure restrictions and restriction on Government servant for holding elective posts in National Sports Federations and it has been decided to accept the elections of AAI held on 18.01.2020 as



such following office bearers have been taken on records of the Ministry for the period 2020-2024:

S. No.	Name	Post held
1	Shri Arjun Munda	President (First term)
2	Shri Pramod Chandurkar	Hon. Secretary General (First term)
3	Shri Rajendar Singh Tomar	Hon. Treasurer (First term)

3. However, it is further informed that elections of Shri P.B. War Nongbri (elected as Vice President); Shri K.B. Gurung and Shri Kumjum Riba (both elected as Joint Secretaries) have not been found in accordance to the provisions of Sports Code (elected in absence of prior NOC from the prescribed government authority to contest election). Accordingly, AAI is advised to ask these officials to demit the office and conduct fresh election for these posts, if they wish so.

4. It is pertinent to mention that after conduct of the abovesaid election of AAI, World Archery (international federation for Archery sport) has also lifted the suspension of AAI and as such at present the AAI has the recognition both of Indian Olympic Association and the World Archery. It is apparent that concerns of this Ministry for adherence of government guidelines by Archery Association of India have been resolved; accordingly, it has been decided to restore the Government recognition of AAI, which will be valid for one year from the date of issue of this letter.

5. AAI is also advised to incorporate such provisions of the Sports Code which do not have any referral in its constitution, within 6 months of issue of letter of restoration of recognition.

6. AAI is also advised to take necessary steps for uploading of the information in compliance to the instructions as contained in this Ministry's letter no. 9-7/2014-SP.I dated 26.02.2015 on suo-moto disclosure within **3 months' time** (copy enclosed).

7. The recognition of Government is subject to continued observance of the following terms and conditions:-

- The Office bearers of the Federation shall invariably be appointed by election as per the Model Election Guidelines issued by the Ministry. The various instructions issued by the Ministry, from time to time, including the age and tenure criteria, for holding the elective offices of the Federation shall be scrupulously followed.
- The Federation shall give at least two months' advance notice to the Government for any change in its Constitution. The copy of the existing Constitution and the proposed changes should invariably be sent along with the notice.
- The Federation must maintain its accounts as per the Mercantile System of accounting. The Accounting year should be from 1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> March. The





books of accounts shall always be open to inspection by authorized representatives of the Government.

- d) The accounts of the Federation must be audited by a practicing Chartered Accountant. Audited Statement of account should be sent to the Union Government within six months from the date of expiry of the accounting year.
  - e) The Federation must scrupulously abide by the guidelines of the Govt. issued from time to time, for the conduct of national Championships, drawing of advance calendar for holding National Championships, players' grievance system in the management of the federations, etc.
  - f) The Federation shall have corresponding State/UT bodies affiliated to it in all the State/UTs within two years from the date of this recognition.
  - g) The Federation should also abide by the directions of the Government issued, if any, in the interest of promotion of archery sports among its players or Public in general.
  - h) The recognition can be reviewed by the Govt. in case Memorandum of Association (MoA) of the Federation or its practices come into conflict with the Govt. Guidelines as amended from time to time.
  - i) The Ministry's Guidelines for selection procedure shall be followed by Archery Association of India. The tournaments shall be held for Men & Women at all levels i.e. National, State, District level for Senior, Junior and Sub-Junior categories.
  - j) The Federation shall scrupulously follow the Ministry's guidelines on RTI applicability and suo-moto disclosure of information on its website and appointment of a Public Information Officer and an Appellate Authority.
  - k) The Federation shall ensure strict compliance of the Government guidelines to prevent unethical practices in sports such as age fraud, prevention of sexual harassment of women in sports, Anti-doping, issuance of identify cases to sportspersons etc.
10. The Archery sport is continued to be placed in the 'High-Priority' category.
11. The recognition may be withdrawn if:
- a) any of the terms and conditions of the recognition are violated;
  - b) its own Constitution is violated;
  - c) directions issued by the Union Govt. are not complied with as required;
  - d) in the opinion of the Union Govt., the Federation is not functioning properly;
  - e) the recognition has been obtained by submitting false information or by misrepresentation of fact;
  - f) the concerned international Federation cancels affiliation or derecognizes or disaffiliates the Federation.

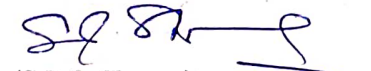


12. A copy of the National Sports Development Code of India, 2011, currently in force is available on the website of this Ministry i.e. <https://yas.nic.in>.

13. The requests for financial assistance and clearance of proposals must be submitted in the prescribed manner. Assistance may be provided to the Federation subject to the availability of funds, submission of the relevant documents, fulfillment of the terms & conditions/ guidelines etc., as may be prescribed from time to time.

This issues with the approval of competent authority.

Yours faithfully,

  
(S.P.S. Tomar)

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Copy to:-

1. Director General, Sports Authority of India, JLN Stadium, New Delhi-110003.
2. Secretary General, Indian Olympic Association, New Delhi.
3. Mr. Tom Dielen, Secretary General, World Archery (Email: [tdielen@archery.org](mailto:tdielen@archery.org))
4. ED (Teams), SAI, Stadium, New Delhi-110003.
5. Joint Director, Traffic Commercial (R-II), Railway Board, Ministry of Railways, Rail Bhawan, New Delhi – with the request to include the name of this Federation in the list of recognized National Sports Federations.
6. Department of Personnel & Training (Under Secretary, Pay-I), North Block, New Delhi - with the request to include the name of this Federation in the list of recognized National Sports Federations.

Copy also to:-

1. PS to Hon'ble MOS (I/C) Youth Affairs & Sports
2. Sr. PPS to Secretary (Sports)
3. PS to Joint Secretary (Development)
4. Director (MDSD), Department of Sports.
5. Director (CDN), Department of Sports
6. US (SP-I)/US (SP.II)/US(SP-III)/US (SP-IV)/US (SP-V)/ US (SP-VI)/US (CDN)
7. NIC, MYAS for placing the same on the website of this Ministry