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CIRCULAR

Subject: Revision of Scheme of Cash Awards to Medal Winners In International Sports Events and their Coaches-reg.

In order to simplify the disbursement of cash incentive to the medal winners in international sports events and their coaches, the existing cash award scheme has been amended and a copy of the said scheme is circulated herewith. The amended scheme is effective from 01.02.2025.

2. The sportspersons eligible as per guidelines of the above said scheme shall submit their applications for themselves and their coaches only through DBT-MIS Portal of Department of Sports (<https://dbtyas-sports.gov.in>) within six months from the conclusion of the respective event.
3. The detailed instructions regarding provision for disbursal of cash incentive for cases covered under Para 3.1 of the enclosed scheme shall be issued separately by Sports Authority of India.
4. This issues with the approval of competent authority.

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To,

As per the list attached

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Scheme of Cash Incentive to Medal Winners in International Sports Events and their Coaches (amended as on 01st February, 2025)

The Scheme of Cash Awards to Medal Winners in International Sports Events and their Coaches was initially introduced in 1986 with the objective of rewarding outstanding sportspersons for their achievements on the global stage. Over the years, the scheme has been revised to enhance its effectiveness. This amendment aims to streamline the eligibility criteria, improve the disbursement process. The objective is to incentivize the achievements of outstanding sportspersons, encourage and motivate them for higher achievements and to act as inspiring role models for attracting the younger generation to take up sports.

1.1 Eligible sports disciplines

The cash incentive shall be awarded exclusively for the sports disciplines specified in **Annexure-I** and those outlined in **para 1.2.1(c)**.

1.2 Amount of cash incentive

1.2.1 Individual Events at Senior Level:

(a) Category: Open Category Sports

S. No.	Name of the Event	Amount of incentive (Rupees in Lakhs)		
		Gold Medal	Silver Medal	Bronze Medal
1.	Olympic Games (Summer & Winter)	75	50	30
2.	Asian Games	30	20	10
3.	Commonwealth Games	30	20	10
4.	World Championships/ World Cup (held quadrennially)	40	25	15
5.	World Championships/ World Cup (held biennially)	20	14	8
6.	World Championship/ World Cup (held annually) / All England Badminton Championship	10	7	4
7.	Asian Championships (held quadrennially)	15	10	5
8.	Asian Championships (held biennially)	7.5	5	2.5
9.	Asian Championships (held annually)	3.75	2.5	1.25
10.	World University Games	3.75	2.5	1.25

(b) **Category: Para-Sports**

S. No.	Name of the Event	Amount of incentive (Rupees in Lakhs)		
		Gold Medal	Silver Medal	Bronze Medal
1.	Paralympic Games (Summer & Winter)	75	50	30
2.	Para Asian Games	30	20	10
3.	Commonwealth Games (Para-Athletes)	30	20	10
4.	World Cup/ World Championships conducted by IPC (held biennially) #	20	14	8
5.	World Cup/ World Championships conducted by IPC (held annually) #	10	7	4

(c) **Category: Diverse Ability Athletes Sports Disciplines**

S. No.	Name of the Event (held quadrennially i.e. once every 4 years)	Amount of Incentive (Rupees in Lakhs)		
		Gold Medal	Silver Medal	Bronze Medal
1.	IBSA World Championship/ World Cup	20	14	8
2.	Blind Cricket World Cup	20	14	8
3.	Deaflympics	20	14	8
4.	Special Olympics World Games*	20	14	8
5.	World Championships in deaf sports @	20	14	8

- *The cash incentives stated above, unless otherwise specified, are for events held quadrennially.*
- *The cash incentive for events held biennially shall be half (50%) of the amount allocated for quadrennial events.*
- *The cash incentive for events held annually will be one-fourth (25%) of the amount allocated for quadrennial events.*

1.2.2 Team events: Team events refer to competitions where multiple athletes compete collectively as a unit. Each team comprises more than one member. The cash incentives shall be awarded to all team members, including the bench/ reserve players, in accordance with the

The events which are not organized by the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) but are organized by the respective International Sports Federation for able-bodied sportspersons with the authorization of the IPC shall also be eligible for cash incentives, subject to the condition that the sports disciplines should be included in the Paralympic Games.

*The able-bodied sportsperson(s) playing with para sportsperson(s) will not be eligible for the cash incentive.

@ Eligible only for those sports disciplines which are included in the Deaflympics Games.

international standards applicable to each sport discipline.

- (i) In team events, the cash incentive for each team member, for the sports disciplines specified in **Para 1.2**, shall be 75% of the incentive amount applicable to the corresponding individual event, based on the medal, level, and the category of participation.

1.2.3 For all the international events except in Olympics/Paralympics, Asian Games/Para-Asian Games and Commonwealth Games, the cash incentive will be computed and paid for the relevant sports events in the manner given below:

Amount of Incentive	In team event	In individual event
Full	The number of participating countries shall be at least twelve (12) or the maximum permissible number of participants, whichever is lower.	The number of participating countries shall be at least sixteen (16) or the maximum permissible number of participants, whichever is lower.
Half	The number of participating countries is in the range of six (6) to eleven (11)	The number of participating countries is in the range of eight (8) to fifteen (15)
One-third	The number of participating countries shall be between four (4) and five (5)	The number of participating countries shall range from four (4) to seven (7)
No cash incentive shall be given if the number of teams in any event is less than four (4).		

1.2.4 In any international sports event, if a sportsperson secures multiple medals in either individual or team categories, they shall be entitled to receive the cash incentive only for the highest-ranking medal won in that event. However, in the case of the Olympic Games, Paralympic Games, Asian Games, and Para-Asian Games, a sportsperson who wins multiple medals in either individual or team categories shall be eligible to receive the cash incentive for each medal won, subject to the terms and conditions prescribed under this scheme.

2. Incentive to Indian Coaches

2.1 The amount of the cash incentive payable to the nominated coach/set of coaches will be as under:

- (i) In case of individual events, the coach/set of coaches associated with the medal-winning sportsperson(s) shall receive 50% of the cash incentive payable to the respective sportsperson(s).
- (ii) In case of team events, the coach/set of coaches associated with the medal-winning team shall receive the same percentage of the cash incentive as specified in **Para 2.1(i)** for the corresponding medal.

(iii) The set of coaches may comprise two or more coaches. In such cases, the total cash incentive amount shall be ascertained as per **Para 2.3**.

2.2 The cash incentive payable to the coach/set of coaches shall be determined based on the recommendations made by the medal-winning sportsperson(s) and the details provided in the online application. The distribution of cash incentives to coaches associated with medal winners in individual events shall be allocated among the following categories of coaches, in the specified proportions:

- i. **Grassroot-Level Coach**: Coach/Set of coaches who initially identified and groomed the talent shall receive 30% of the total cash incentive payable to coaches.
- ii. **Developmental-Level Coach**: Coach/Set of coaches who further nurtured and developed the medal-winning sportsperson shall receive 30% of the total cash incentive payable to coaches.
- iii. **Elite-Level Coach**: Coach/Set of coaches who provided advanced training to the medal-winning sportsperson at the elite level shall receive 40% of the total cash incentive payable to coaches.

2.3 Nomination of Multiple Coaches: In cases where more than one coach is nominated in a single category, the allocated cash incentive for that category shall be distributed equally among all nominated coaches.

2.4 Nomination of Akharas or Academies: A sportsperson may nominate Akhara(s) or Academy(ies) in lieu of individual coaches for the receipt of cash incentives under this Scheme. The nominated Akhara(s) or Academy(ies) shall be eligible to receive the proportionate share of the incentive as determined under the respective category.

2.5 The name of the nominated Coach/Set of Coaches, Academy, or Akhara must be registered in the authorized database as prescribed by the Ministry. Once the name of the grassroot-level coach and developmental-level coach is registered by the sportsperson for a specific sports discipline, it shall be considered as final and cannot be modified.

2.6 In the case of an event, where multiple individual sportspersons trained by the same coach have secured medals, the coach shall be eligible to receive the cash incentive corresponding solely to the highest-ranking medal achieved among them. However, in the case of the Olympics, Paralympics, Asian Games, or Para-Asian Games, if a sportsperson/team trained by a coach wins multiple medals, whether in individual or team events, the coach shall be entitled to receive the cash incentive for each medal won.

2.7 In the event of any doubt/dispute regarding the names of coaches nominated for cash incentive, the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports (MoYAS) shall have the final authority to decide the matter, following due deliberations and consideration of all the relevant factors.

3. Applications for the Cash Incentive under this Scheme

3.1 Applications under this scheme shall be submitted exclusively by the sportsperson(s) through the designated portal of the Department of Sports within six months from the conclusion of the respective event. However, where sufficient details are readily available to ascertain the eligibility and facilitate the sanction and disbursement of the cash incentive under this scheme, the requirement for submitting an application may be waived.

3.2 MoYAS shall not entertain any requests for relaxation in cases where the sportsperson fails to submit the cash incentive application within the stipulated timeframe.

3.3 The achievements of the sportsperson and the coaches may be verified through authorized agencies or official databases.

4. General Provisions

4.1 The Department of Sports shall publish a list of sports events eligible for cash incentives under this scheme, as specified in Annexure-I. The department reserves the right to add, modify, or remove sports events from this list at its discretion.

4.2 The cash incentives provided under this scheme do not constitute a legal right. All decisions of the Government regarding matters covered under this scheme, including its interpretation, shall be final and binding. No appeal, challenge, or claim shall be permitted against such decisions.

4.3 In the case of any ambiguity, dispute, or conflict regarding the interpretation of any provision of this scheme, the decision of the Government shall be final and binding.

4.4 In exceptional and deserving cases, with the approval of the Minister-in-charge of Youth Affairs & Sports, a suitable cash incentive maybe granted for events that are not explicitly covered under this scheme.

4.5 Government reserves the right to suspend, freeze, or discontinue this scheme at its sole discretion, without the obligation to provide any justification or prior notice.

5. Relaxation

Any exceptions, relaxations, or amendments to the provisions of this scheme may be made with the approval of the Minister-in-charge of Youth Affairs & Sports.

ANNEXURE-I

Following multi sports events shall be considered for cash incentive wherever Indian Sports person(s) win a medal:

1. **Olympic Games** – All disciplines
2. **Asian Games** – All disciplines
3. **Commonwealth Games** – All disciplines
4. **World University Games** – All disciplines
(The above at S. No. 1,2,3,4 includes para-disciplines)
5. The sports disciplines and competitions listed below shall also be eligible under this scheme.

S. No.	Discipline	Name of the Competitions covered under this scheme (including the periodicity)
1	Archery	1. Asian Championship (<i>biennial</i>) 2. World Championship (<i>biennial</i>) Para-Events: 3. Asian Para Championship (<i>biennial</i>) 4. World Para Championship (<i>biennial</i>)
2	Athletics	1. World Athletics Championship (<i>biennial</i>) 2. Asian Athletics Championship (<i>biennial</i>)
3	Badminton	1. World Championships (<i>annual</i>) 2. Asian Championships (<i>annual</i>) 3. Thomas Cup (<i>biennial</i>) 4. Uber Cup (<i>biennial</i>)
4	Cycling	1. Sr./Elite World Championship (<i>annual</i>) 2. Sr. Asian Championship (<i>annual</i>) Para-Events: 3. UCI Para-Cycling World Championship (<i>annual</i>) 4. UCI Para-Cycling Asian Championship (<i>annual</i>)
5	Fencing	1. World Championship (<i>annual</i>) 2. Asian Championship (<i>annual</i>)
6	Judo	1. Asian Championship 2. World Championship
7	Rowing	1. World Rowing Championship (<i>annual</i>) 2. Asian Championship (<i>annual</i>)
8	Swimming	1. World Championship (Long Course) (<i>biennial</i>) 2. Asian Championship (Long Course) (<i>quadrennial</i>)

9	Shooting	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. World Championships of all events (Senior) (<i>quadrennial</i>) 2. Asian Championships of all events (Senior) (<i>quadrennial</i>)
10	Table Tennis	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. World Championships Open Event (Senior) (<i>biennial</i>) 2. World Championships Team Event (Senior) (<i>biennial</i>) 3. Asian Cup (<i>annual</i>) <p>Para-Events:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. World Para Championship (<i>quadrennial</i>)
11	Hockey	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. FIH Hockey World Cup (<i>quadrennial</i>) 2. Asian Championship (Senior) (<i>quadrennial</i>)
12	Wrestling	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. World Championship (Senior) (<i>annual</i>) 2. Asian Championship (Senior) (<i>annual</i>)
13	Weightlifting	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. World Championship (Senior) (<i>annual</i>) 2. Asian Championship (Senior) (<i>annual</i>)
14	Boxing	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. World Championship (Senior) 2. Asian Championship (Senior)
15	Kayaking & Canoeing	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ICF Canoe Sprint World Championship (<i>annual</i>) 2. ICF Canoe Slalom World Championship (<i>annual</i>) 3. Asian Canoe Sprint Championship (<i>annual</i>) 4. Asian Canoe Slalom Championship (<i>annual</i>) 5. World Dragon Boat Championship (<i>annual</i>) 6. Asian Dragon Boat Championship (<i>annual</i>) <p>Para-Events:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. ICF World Para Canoe Championship (<i>annual</i>) 8. Asian Para Canoe Championship (<i>annual</i>)
16	Sepaktakraw	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ISTAF World Cup (<i>quadrennial</i>) 2. ASTAF Asian Championship (<i>quadrennial</i>)
17	Wushu	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. World Cup (<i>biennial</i>) 2. Asian Championship (<i>quadrennial</i>)
18	Handball	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. World Championship (<i>biennial</i>) 2. Asian Championship (<i>biennial</i>)
19	Sport Climbing	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. IFSC World Championship (<i>biennial</i>) 2. IFSC Asian Championship (<i>biennial</i>)
20	Basketball	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. FIBA Asia Cup (<i>quadrennial</i>) 2. FIBA World Cup (<i>quadrennial</i>)

21	Taekwondo	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. World Championship (<i>biennial</i>) 2. Asian Championship (<i>biennial</i>) <p>Para-Events:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. World Para Championship (<i>biennial</i>) 4. Asian Para Championship (<i>biennial</i>)
22	Kurash	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. World Kurash Championship (<i>biennial</i>) 2. Asian Kurash Championship (<i>biennial</i>)
23	Netball	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Netball World Cup (<i>quadrennial</i>) 2. Asian Netball Championship (<i>biennial</i>)
24	Baseball	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. World Baseball Classic (<i>quadrennial</i>) 2. Asian Baseball Championship (<i>biennial</i>)
25	Karate	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. World Championships (<i>biennial</i>) 2. Asian Championships (<i>annual</i>)
26	Modern Pentathlon	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. UIPM World Championship (<i>annual</i>) 2. Asia/Oceania Modern Pentathlon Championship (<i>annual</i>)
27	Kabaddi	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. World Cup 2. Asian Championship (<i>biennial</i>)
28	Rugby	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rugby World Cup (<i>quadrennial</i>) 2. Asia Rugby Championship (<i>annual</i>)
29	Roller Skating	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. World Championship (<i>annual</i>) 2. Asian Championship (<i>biennial</i>)
30	Football	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. FIFA World Cup (<i>quadrennial</i>) 2. AFC Cup (<i>quadrennial</i>)
31	Para-Sports (PCI)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Para Athletics: World Para Athletics Championship (<i>biennial</i>) 2. Para Powerlifting: World Para Powerlifting Championship (<i>biennial</i>) 3. Para Swimming: World Para Swimming Championship (<i>biennial</i>) 4. Para Shooting: World Para Shooting Championship (<i>biennial</i>)
32	Triathlon	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. World Championship (<i>annual</i>) 2. Asian Championship (<i>annual</i>)
33	Gymnastics	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. FIG World Championship (<i>annual</i>) (Artistic/Rhythmic/Trampoline/Aerobics/Acrobatics) 2. AGU Asian Championship (<i>annual</i>) (Artistic/Rhythmic/Trampoline/Aerobics/Acrobatics)
34	Bridge	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. World Bridge Team Championship (Senior) (<i>biennial</i>) 2. Asian Cup International Bridge Championship (Senior) (<i>quadrennial</i>)

35	Chess	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. World Chess Championship (<i>biennial</i>) 2. Chess Olympiad (<i>biennial</i>) 3. FIDE Candidates (<i>biennial</i>) may be treated at par with the World Championship 4. Asian Continental Chess Championship
36	Equestrian	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. World Championship (<i>quadrennial</i>) 2. Asian Championship (<i>biennial</i>)
37	Golf	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. World Championships (<i>biennial</i>) 2. Nomura Cup (<i>biennial</i>)(for man) 3. Queen Sirikit Cup (<i>biennial</i>)(for women)
38	Yachting	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. World Championships (<i>annual</i>) 2. Asian Championships (<i>annual</i>)
39	Soft Tennis	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. World Championships (<i>quadrennial</i>) 2. Asian Championship (<i>quadrennial</i>)
40	Lawn Bowl	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. World Championship (<i>quadrennial</i>) 2. Asian Championship (<i>annual</i>)
41	Softball	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. World Championship (<i>quadrennial</i>) 2. Asian Championship (<i>biennial</i>)
42	Break Dance	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. World Championship (<i>annual</i>) 2. Asian Championship (<i>annual</i>)
43	Squash	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. World Individual Championship (<i>annual</i>) 2. World Team Championship (<i>biennial</i>) 3. Asian Team Championship (Senior) (<i>biennial</i>) 4. Asian Individual Championship (Senior) (<i>biennial</i>) 5. World International Doubles Championship (<i>biennial</i>) 6. Asian Doubles Championship (<i>biennial</i>)
44	Tennis	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Australian Open (<i>annual</i>) 2. French Open (<i>annual</i>) 3. Wimbledon (<i>annual</i>) 4. US Open (<i>annual</i>) 5. World Championships (Senior) 6. Davis Cup: World Men's Team Championship 7. Billie Jean King Cup: World Women Team Championship
45	Billiards & Snooker	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. IBSF Billiards and Snooker World Championship (Senior) (<i>annual</i>) 2. ACBS Billiards and Snooker Asian Snooker Championship (Senior) (<i>annual</i>)
46	Volleyball	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. World Championship (<i>quadrennial</i>) 2. Asian Championship (<i>biennial</i>)

47	Ju-Jitsu	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. World Championship (<i>annual</i>) 2. Asian Championship (<i>annual</i>)
48	E-Sports	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Esports World Championship (<i>annual</i>)
49	Kho-Kho	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. World Kho Kho Championship (Senior) (<i>biennial</i>) 2. Asian Kho Kho Championship (Senior) (<i>biennial</i>)
50	Yogasana	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. World Yogasana Championship (Senior) (<i>quadrennial</i>) 2. Asian Yogasana Championship (Senior) (<i>biennial</i>)
51	Mallakhamb	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. World Mallakhamb Championship (Senior) (<i>quadrennial</i>)
