

NC/10-11/ SPORTS MIN.

12th January, 2010

Dear Sir,

This is further to my two earlier letters dated 10th June and 15th September 2009 (enclosed) regarding several serious allegations about the functioning of the Paralympics Committee of India (PCI). Unfortunately and much to our surprise, both letters went unacknowledged. A series of events have forced me to write to you for the third time and with a thick set of enclosures hoping that this time around you would be able to take some time out to address the issue of rampant corruption in the name of disability sports.

Sir, if you get the officials in your Ministry to dig out the number of complaints that must have come about PCI. I am sure you will be shocked.

Sportspersons who attended camps organised by PCI have complained about largescale mismanagement. There were no escorts provided to disabled female sportspersons, there were no proper arrangements for accommodation. Such was the utter chaos at these camps that even the toilets were inaccessible! I am sure you would appreciate that these facilities are not luxuries, these are basics that one needs to take care of if one is organizing an event for 'disabled' sportspersons!!

Another huge allegation that has surfaced is that of rampant corruption and mismanagement of funds and that even Ministry officials are hands in glove with PCI in all this.

Sir, we would like to believe that the Sports Ministry is well aware of the disgrace at the recently concluded IWAS World Games at Bangalore, though the silence on the part of the Ministry speaks otherwise. This silence has further reinforced the belief that officials of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports are indeed protecting PCI. No other reason would justify why no action, no investigation has been initiated till now.

Enclosed are a few clippings from the media that might impress the Ministry to wake up to reality and take immediate action.

Sir, lakhs of rupees are being spent in the name of sports for disabled people and with zero accountability. It is essential that such embezzlement of public funds be stopped and the people responsible for this be brought to book. The Ministry should tighten the reins on bodies that claim to be working for disability sports and make them accountable.

We are hopeful that with your intervention, these issues will be addressed. We would be grateful if you could give us an appointment so that we can apprise you further on this issue.

Looking forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,

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