

No. F. 94-4/2006-SP-I, Vol-II  
Government of India  
Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports  
Department of Sports

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Dated 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2011

To

1. The President,  
Paralympic Committee of India,  
No. 25/1, 9<sup>th</sup> Cross,  
J.P. Nagar, 2<sup>nd</sup> Phase,  
Bangalore – 560078
2. Secretary General,  
Paralympic Committee of India,  
No. 25/1, 9<sup>th</sup> Cross,  
J.P. Nagar, 2<sup>nd</sup> Phase,  
Bangalore – 560078

**Subject: - Derecognition of Paralympic Committee of India (PCI)**

Sir,

Paralympic Committee of India (PCI) was recognized in 2005 vide Ministry's letter No 9-2/97-SP-1 (Vol-IV) dated 5<sup>th</sup> October 2005, as National Sports Federation by the Ministry for promotion of Sports amongst the physically challenged sportspersons in the country.

2. AND WHEREAS a number of serious complaints were received against PCI from different quarters including players/ media/ NGOs etc alleging nepotism in selection of players/escorts/coaches/support staff, and mismanagement and misutilisation of government grants etc.
3. AND WHEREAS there were reports of, mismanagement and misconduct of IWAS world games organized by PCI in Bangalore in December 2009. The International Wheel Chair and Amputee Sports (IWAS) association also, in its letter dated 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2010, has expressed dissatisfaction and concern that PCI did not have the required technical infrastructure and expertise thus leading to poor conduct of the games. The Ministry had also received complaints about non distribution of kits and out of pocket allowances to the sportspersons sponsored by the Ministry for participation in the games.
4. AND WHEREAS there was poor coordination and mismanagement of the Indian contingent which went to participate in Asian Games 2010. Some players could not even participate in the Games despite reaching Guangzhou due to incomplete or late entries filed by PCI. The para athletes also faced problems in getting access to the Asian Games Village Competitions and training venues due to untimely completion of the accreditation/classification procedure.
5. AND WHEREAS the International Paralympics Committee (the international body responsible for promotion of sports among para athletes with which PCI is affiliated), also in its



letter dated 13<sup>th</sup> January, 2011, mentioned about serious breaches of its policy by PCI in relation to participation of Indian contingent in Asian Games 2010 and informed that they have initiated an internal process to address the same. In another of its letters, IPC has shown an amount of Euro 11,650 outstanding against PCI as payment meant for participation of Indian teams in various international events.

6. AND WHEREAS despite repeated instructions from the Ministry, PCI failed to file the entries of Indian payers in time for their participation in IPC World Para Athletics Championship held in New Zealand in January 2011 thus depriving them a chance to participate in such a prestigious event and also to qualify for London Olympics 2012. It was only after the last minute attempts made by the Ministry that the participation of five players could be secured.

7. AND WHEREAS in view of above allegations and many other irregularities noted by the Government, the recognition of PCI was suspended with effect from 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2011 vide Government letter No. F. 94-4/2006-SP-I, Vol-II pending final enquiry.

8. AND WHEREAS, vide the same letter, PCI was also issued show cause notice seeking its explanation on various issues including non holding of federation's elections in time, poor coordination and management of Indian contingent sent for participation in Para Asian Games 2010 held in Guangzhou in China, PCI's failure to send timely entries for participation of Indian Athletes in IPC world Para Athletic championship held in New Zealand in January 2011, non distribution of ceremonial dress and kits and out of pocket allowance to para athletes participating in various international games including IWAS world games and Fespac Games, inability of PCI to put up required information about events, selections etc. on its website.

9. AND WHEREAS, the explanations given by PCI vide its letter dated 4<sup>th</sup> March, have not been found to be tenable as the replies are not satisfactory.

10. AND WHEREAS, after due examination of the replies given by PCI, the Government has found PCI to be wanting on the following issues:

- (i) PCI has failed to conduct elections of its office bearers which were to be held mandatorily in May 2010 both as per its own constitution as well as the guidelines of the Ministry.
- (ii) PCI has submitted false Utilization certificates in respect of grants availed by them from the Government. In case of IWAS games PCI itself admitted that the ceremonial dress etc was not distributed to the players while the amount towards these items was claimed in the audited accounts submitted by them.
- (iii) PCI failed to reimburse an amount of Rs 40,150 to Mr Ajay Kumar Maurya who was a part of the Indian contingent sent to Kuala Lumpur for participating in Fespac Games in 2006.
- (iv) PCI left one female player Miss Manjula M. stranded at Delhi Airport while on home way back after participating in Asian Games from Guangzhou to Bangalore.
- (v) PCI, despite repeated instructions from the Ministry, failed to file entries of players for their participation in IPC World Para Athletics Championship held in New Zealand in January 2011. It was only after Government intervention that five players could participate in the event.

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- (vi) The Ministry has repeatedly faced difficulty in clearing teams proposed by PCI for participation in international events due to PCI's inability to indicate well defined selection criteria.
- (vii) PCI has failed to take steps to ensure classification of para athletes which is necessary for sending teams for participation in international events.

11. AND WHEREAS PCI was granted recognition as the Nationals Sports Federation responsible for promotion and development of sports among Para athletes and is required to follow proper, democratic and healthy management practices that provide for greater accountability and transparency at various levels.

12. AND WHEREAS in view of foregoing, the Government is convinced that PCI has violated the terms and conditions of recognition as well as provisions of its own constitution.

13. AND WHEREAS, the Government is further convinced that PCI has not been functioning in the best interest of the sport for which it was granted recognition as there has been large scale dissatisfaction among players and other stake holders thus resulting in adverse impact on both the development of the sport as well as future opportunities and prospects of Para athletes in the country.

14. AND WHEREAS under the given situation the Government is left with no choice but to derecognize Paralympic Committee of India under clause II (ii), (iii) of Annexure-III of Scheme of Assistance to NSFs.

15. This issues with the approval of Hon'ble Minister of State (I/C) Youth Affairs and Sports.

Yours faithfully,

  
(Deepika Kachhal)  
Director

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