



**ABSTRACT**

Sports – Implementation of Mission International Medals Scheme – Sanction of recurring grant – Orders – Issued.

**YOUTH WELFARE AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT (S1) DEPARTMENT**

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Read:

1. Announcement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister under Rule 110 of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly Rules, dated 28.06.2018.
2. From Member Secretary, Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu, letter Rc.No.660/TI-I/2018, Dated 6.7.2018.

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**ORDER:**

During the Assembly Session 2018, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has announced on 28.06.2018 under rule 110 of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly Rules that a new scheme called "Mission International Medals Scheme" for identifying the sports talents and nurturing them to win medals in International level, will be implemented in the State. Under this scheme, 50 sportspersons including 5 differently abled sportspersons will be selected and provided with assistance for purchase of sports equipments, undergoing training abroad and participation in competitions to the tune of Rs.10.00 lakh per year per person on need based assistance. An outlay of Rs.5.00 crore will be allotted every year".

2. The Member Secretary, Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu in the letter second read above, has stated that, the State Government has been implementing various special initiatives through Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu for development of sports. One of the main objectives of these schemes is nurturing the sportspersons who have potential to win medals in International level competitions. At present, two schemes viz., Champions Development Scheme (CDS) and Scheme of Special Scholarship for Elite



Sportspersons are being implemented by the Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu for supporting the sportspersons by giving financial assistance.

#### Champions Development Scheme:

Under the Champions Development Scheme (CDS), sports persons below the age of 20 years and those who have won gold medal in the National championship of Junior/Sub-Junior are inducted. Financial assistance to an extent of Rs.2.00 lakh per sportsperson per year is given from the funds of Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu towards food supplements, sports kit and equipments, travel expenses for participation in international competitions / training abroad.

#### Special Scholarship for Elite Sportspersons:

Under the scheme, sportspersons who won medals in the international competitions and have potential to win medals in the Olympics, Common Wealth Games and Asian Games are inducted and provided need-based assistance to an extent of Rs.25.00 lakh per sportsperson per year.

3. The Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu is receiving requests from potential sportspersons seeking higher financial assistance for training and competitions. There is a gap noticed in nurturing sportspersons who have crossed junior / sub-junior stage but would take time to enter the elite zone category. It is utmost necessity to have a new scheme to fill this gap and support the sportspersons. The scheme will become a nursery to move into the Elite Sportspersons category and thereby winning medals in the Olympics 2024 and 2028. The scale for assistance needs to be higher than Champions Development Scheme but can be less than that of Elite Sportspersons Scheme.

4. In the Mission International Medals Scheme, eligibility criteria for induction into the scheme, Committee for selecting sportspersons for the scheme, benchmarks, and Areas of assistance are detailed below:-

#### Eligibility

The minimum eligibility criteria for applying induction into the Mission International Medals Scheme are as follows:

- (i) Individual Gold medalists/Silver medalists at Senior National Championships / National Games conducted by National Sports



Federations approved by Indian Olympic Association and Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports

- (ii) Gold / Silver or Bronze medal in an international competition with participation of 7 countries and conducted under the aegis of International Sports Federation.
- (iii) Individual sports events at Olympics / Asian Games / Commonwealth Games alone will be considered for induction into Mission International Medals Scheme. Events where two persons participate can also be considered.

**Selection Committee**

- (a) Induction of athletes into Mission International Medals Scheme is restricted to 50 potential medal winners at National and International level including 5 differently abled sportspersons.
- (b) Consistent performance of the athletes at National and International level, age, potential to win medals at International level and other relevant details will be considered for recommendation for induction into the Mission International Medals Scheme.
- (c) The following Selection Committee will be formed for selection of sportspersons fulfilling eligibility for induction into MIMS. The composition of the Selection Committee is as follows:-

1	Principal Secretary, Youth Welfare and Sports Development Department	Chairman
2	President or his representative from Tamil Nadu Olympic Association	Member
3	Representative from Sports Authority of India	Member
4	Representative from State Sports Association whose players have obtained minimum eligibility	Member
5	Two eminent sportspersons / former sportspersons or eminent coach concerned to be nominated	Member
6	Member Secretary, SDAT	Member/Convenor

The Selection Committee will select the sportspersons who fulfill the minimum eligibility criteria. Sportspersons once selected would generally continue in the scheme for 2 years. The Committee will review the continuation of the sportspersons after 2 years.



The Chairman will co-opt or invite any other experts as deemed fit for the selection. The Committee will meet once in a quarter and scrutinize the profile for selection.

### **Financial Assistance**

Based on the needs, financial assistance will be given to the athletes and the Selection Committee will decide the scale of assistance upto maximum of Rs.10.00 lakh for each sportsperson.

### **Areas of Assistance**

The selected athlete is eligible for receiving need based assistance under the Mission International Medals Scheme within the amount sanctioned every year. The assistance includes-

- Training program under a renowned Coach in abroad subject Prior approval of the competent authority;
- Participation in competitions in India and abroad;
- Boarding and Lodging for participation in competitions / training abroad with a ceiling of 100 US\$ per day;
- Purchase of sports kit and equipments;
- Physiological, Psychological, Nutrition advice and sports medicine input;
- Free access to the SDAT playfield facilities;

### **Duration of Support**

- a) Initially, the Mission International Medals Scheme will support the athlete for a period of two years, subject to review by Monitoring Committee constituted by Member Secretary, Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu.
- b) Subsequently, the assistance will be extended based on the recommendation of the Selection Committee. Selection Committee will fix benchmark of performance for continuance.

### **Benchmark**

(a) Benchmark for evaluation of performance will be framed by Selection Committee in consultation with experts concerned, if necessary. The continuance of the athletes in the scheme is subject to fulfillment of the benchmarks.



(b) The athlete has to continue his/her sporting activities in the event for which he has been selected and inducted into the Mission International Medals Scheme. In case of switching over to another event, the same shall be referred to Screening Committee for scrutiny and recommendation to Selection Committee subject to fulfillment of eligibility.

5. The Member Secretary, Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu has therefore, requested the Government to issue orders sanctioning a recurring grant of Rs.5.00 crore per year to Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu to implement the scheme of "Mission International Medals Scheme".

6. The Government after careful examination, introduces a new scheme for sportspersons called "Mission International Medals Scheme" as detailed at para 4 above and sanction a recurring grant of Rs.5,00,00,000/- (Rupees Five crore only) from the year 2018-19 to Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu to implement the scheme. The guidelines for the differently abled sportspersons will be issued separately.

7. The expenditure sanctioned in para-6 above shall be debited under the following head of account:-

"2204-00 Sports and Youth Services – 104 Sports and Games-States Expenditure – AR Grants to Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu for Financial Assistance to Sportspersons – 09. Grants-in-Aid-03 Grants for specific Schemes".  
(DPC 2204 00 104 AR 0935)

8. The expenditure sanctioned in para 6 above constitutes an item of "New Instrument Service". The approval of the Legislature will be obtained in due course. Pending approval of the Legislature, the expenditure may be initially met by drawal of an advance from the Contingency Fund. The Member Secretary, Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu is directed to calculate the actual amount required for the period upto next supplementary estimates and apply for sanction of the same as advance from the Contingency Fund to Finance (BG-1) Department directly in Form 'A' appended to the Tamil Nadu Contingency Fund Rules, 1963 along with a copy of this order. Orders for sanction of advance from the Contingency Fund will be issued from Finance (BG-1) Department. The Member Secretary, Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu is also requested to send necessary explanatory notes for inclusion of the above expenditure in the Supplementary Estimates 2018-2019 to Finance (BG-1) Department at an appropriate time without fail.



