



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.

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