

**NATIONAL WELFARE SCHEMES FOR SPORTSPERSONS**  
**(Amended as on 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2023)**

1. The scheme shall be a sub-scheme of the National Welfare Schemes for Sportspersons and be called **‘Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay National Welfare Program for Sportspersons’**.

**DEFINITIONS**

2. In this scheme, unless the context otherwise requires:

- (a) **‘Family’** means the sportsperson’s wife or husband, as the case may be, minor sons and unmarried daughters residing with and wholly dependent on him/her, and includes a dependent father, mother, unmarried sisters, minor brothers, adopted sons/daughters subject to the condition that a valid proof of adoption is produced.
- (b) **‘Executive Committee’ (EC)** means the Executive Committee for deciding the quantum of financial assistance to the applicant.
- (c) **‘Indigent circumstances’** means the circumstances under which the sportsperson or his/her family in distress have no source of income or have an income of less than Rs. 8.00 lakh per annum from all sources and such other circumstances as may be considered by the Ministry to be indigent circumstances. Sportspersons working (only regular employees) in any Central/State/UT Government, Public Sector Enterprises/ Undertakings of Centre/State Government, or Autonomous Bodies of Central/State Government will not be eligible for assistance under the scheme.
- (d) **‘Sports’** means the sports and games for which a National Sports Federation duly recognized by the Central Government exists. However, other sports and games, for which a duly recognized National Sports Federation does not exist, can also be covered under the scheme if so decided by the Ministry.

**OBJECTIVES OF THE SCHEME**

3. The objectives of the scheme ‘Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay National Welfare Program for Sportspersons’ are:
- (i) To provide suitable assistance to sportspersons now living in indigent circumstances;
  - (ii) To provide suitable assistance to sportspersons injured during the period of their training for competitions and also during the competitions, depending on the nature of the injury;
  - (iii) To provide suitable assistance to sportspersons for medical treatment;
  - (iv) To provide suitable assistance to promote the welfare of sportspersons generally in order to alleviate distress among them and their dependents in indigent circumstances;
  - (v) To provide assistance to sportspersons living in indigent circumstances for training, procurement of sports equipment, participation in National and International sports events etc.
  - (vi) To any other purpose as deemed fit by the Ministry.

#### **4. QUANTUM OF ASSISTANCE AND ELIGIBILITY**

4 (i) Quantum of Assistance and Eligibility Criteria for different purposes will be as under:

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Amount of assistance</b>	<b>Eligibility criteria</b>
<b>a.</b>	<b>Assistance to sportspersons living in indigent circumstances</b>	<b>Upto Rs. 5 lakh</b>	Retired sportsperson who has won medals in the National Games or National Championships in the Senior category conducted by National Sports Federations (NSFs), recognized by Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports,
<b>b.</b>	<b>Assistance to Families of deceased Sportspersons</b>	<b>Upto Rs. 5 lakh</b>	OR One who has participated in International sports events like the Olympic Games, Paralympics, Deaflympics, Asian Games, Para-Asian Games, Commonwealth Games, World Cup/ World Championship, Asian Championship and Commonwealth Championship in the senior category provided that, the recognized NSF for the respective sports discipline recognises the competition or the athlete represented the country in the competition as a part of the Indian contingent selected by the respective NSF.
<b>c.</b>	<b>Assistance for Medical Treatment to sportspersons or their dependent family members</b>	<b>Upto Rs. 10 lakh</b>	
<b>d.</b>	<b>Assistance for injuries sustained during training for and participation in Sports competitions</b>	<b>Upto Rs. 10 lakh</b>	Sportsperson who has sustained injuries during training for and participating in sports competitions listed above. This category will also include Junior and Sub-junior categories of the above-listed competitions.
<b>e.</b>	<b>Assistance for training, procurement of equipment and, participation in national and International sports events</b>	<b>Upto Rs. 2.5 lakh</b>	Sportspersons whose parents are living in indigent circumstances. (OR) Sportspersons belonging to those sports disciplines whose federations are either de-recognized or whose recognition has been suspended by the Central Government or the federations which has so far not received recognition from the Central Government will be eligible for assistance.  <b>Note:</b> The Department of Sports will take into consideration whether support from any other scheme of the Ministry is being availed by the applicant or if the applicant can be assisted under other schemes of the Ministry.

<b>f.</b>	<b>Assistance to coaches and support personnel</b>	<b>Upto Rs. 2 lakh</b>	Coaches and support personnel such as sports doctors, sports psychologists, sports mentor, physiotherapists, masseurs who have been a part of the national coaching camps organised by the NSFs for senior category players and umpires, referees and match officials who have been associated with NSF-recognized senior national championship and international tournaments in the sports disciplines included the Olympics/ Asian/ Commonwealth Games who are living in indigent circumstances or to family members of such deceased support personnel living in indigent circumstances.
<b>g</b>	<b>Assistance for medical treatment to coaches and support personnel</b>	<b>Upto Rs. 4 lakh</b>	

4 (ii) An Executive Committee (EC) comprising of the following members would take into account the full facts and circumstances of each application and decide on the eligibility and the quantum of financial assistance to the applicant:-

- a) Secretary (Sports) - Chairperson
- b) Joint Secretary, (in-charge of the scheme), MYAS
- c) Financial Advisor, MYAS
- d) Director (in-charge of the scheme), MYAS
- e) Three (3) Eminent Sportspersons (nominated\*)

\* Three eminent sportspersons shall be nominated by the Minister-in-charge for youth affairs and sports. A nominated member of the Committee shall hold office for a period of 3 years from the date of his/her nomination unless re-nominated at the expiry of that period.

4 (iii) Vacancies in the EC shall be filled as and when they arise.

4 (iv) The EC shall meet once a month.

4 (v) **Disclosure of information about assistance received from other resources:** Sportspersons or family members of sportspersons applying for assistance from the Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay National Welfare Program for Sportspersons scheme will furnish information about assistance received in kind or cash from any other source for the same purpose or if they receive support from any other scheme of the Ministry.

## **HOW TO APPLY**

5(i) Applicant may apply for financial assistance directly through the MIS-DBT portal of the Department of Sports, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (<https://dbtyas-sports.gov.in>)

5(ii) On receipt of the online application, the Ministry will examine whether the applicant fulfils the eligibility criteria mentioned in point no. 4. (i) above. If required, the Ministry may seek a report from the Sports Authority of India (SAI) or any other Government Agency.

5(iii) Online applications submitted by the sportsperson would be made visible in real-time to all stakeholders which can be accessed through the MIS-DBT Portal with valid login credentials.

5(iv) Upon receipt of the application, the Sports Authority of India (SAI) shall promptly undertake the verification process immediately, independent of any subsequent directives from the Ministry. SAI also shall ensure that the verification report is submitted through the MIS-DBT Portal (As per the prescribed format given in the Annexure countersigned by Secretary (SAI)) within 10 working days from the date of receiving the online application.

5(v) The applications seeking assistance will be disposed of in a time-bound manner. All efforts would be made by the Ministry for the disposal of the application within forty-five working days of the receipt of the application.

### **DISCRETIONARY CLAUSE**

6. The Minister-in-Charge for Youth Affairs and Sports may sanction assistance upto Rs.20,00,000 (Rupees Twenty Lakhs only), in deserving cases, even to those, who technically are non-eligible, taking into account full facts and circumstances for each case and for reasons to be recorded in writing.

### **RELAXATION CLAUSE**

7. The Ministry reserves the right to add, relax, amend, alter or revise the clauses/ sections/provisions of the Scheme with due approval of the Minister-in-Charge of Youth Affairs & Sports.

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Verification Report for seeking Financial Assistance under

**PANDIT DEENDAYAL UPADHYAY NATIONAL WELFARE PROGRAM FOR  
SPORTSPERSONS**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Verification Parameters</b>	<b>Verification Report by Sports Authority of India (SAI)</b>
1.	Name of the Sportsperson	
2.	Sports Discipline	
3.	Date of Birth of the Sportsperson as verified from the official records	
4.	Category under which the financial assistance has been sought by the sportsperson as per scheme.	
5.	Is the sportsperson Retired or Active? If retired, indicate the Month and year of retirement from active sports.	
6.	Is the sportsperson/family living in indigent circumstances as per definition given under clause 2 (c) of the scheme? If YES, please give justification and provide verified documentary proof like Income certificate issued/verified by the Competent Authority.	
7.	Achievement(s) of the Sportsperson as per attached certificates	
8.	Have the achievements of the sportsperson been verified ?	YES/NO
9.	Are the other conditions of the scheme at para 4(i) met under which the sportsperson has applied for financial assistance? Please specify.	YES/NO
10.	In case assistance has been sought under 4(i)(c)/4(i)(d)/4(i)(g), please provide details of the medical treatment/injury along with documentary proof.	
11.	Category of competition: Senior/Junior/Sub-Junior	
12.	Details of assistance received in kind or cash from any other source/scheme for the same purpose, if any. If required, details from the concerned NSF or other department may also be sought.	
13.	Is the sportsperson working in any Central/State/UT Government, Public Sector Enterprises/ Undertakings of Centre/State Government, Autonomous Bodies of Central/State Government? If YES, please also specify if he/she is a Regular or Contractual employee.	YES/NO
14.	Is the sportsperson/applicant recommended for financial assistance as per scheme	YES/NO
15.	Additional comments, if any	

It is certified that we have verified the above facts and there is nothing adverse against the sportsperson/applicant while submitting the report.

**Signature of the verifying official**

(Name and Designation of the verifying official)

F.No.K-15013/18/2023-SP-IV

**Signature of Secretary (SAI)**

or in-charge Secretary (SAI)