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**MEMORANDUM**

A new Policy titled "Sports & Youth Affairs Policy, 1997" is now published per enclosed Notification for general information.

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NOTIFICATION

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Introduction :—

Building of a healthy society is closely linked with the comprehensive and harmonious development of the people. The overall activity of the society is based on the system of Physical Education which is to be created and perfected constantly. The concept of physical culture is universal and highly significant. This concept includes sports, Physical Culture movement, physical education, physical development, physical fitness and health. All round development of an individual through physical education, Games & Sports and other Youth activities are some of the concerns which the State is to bear.

1.1 Tripura is a small and locked State located in the North East, mostly surrounded by International border. All though the State is the smallest in respect of area in the North-East and Second in respect of population, the performance in the field of games and sports of the State in the North-East is second in almost all the games inspite of lack of adequate infrastructural facilities available in the state. The State has good existing and hidden potentials in Gymnastics, Athletics, swimming, Football, Weightlifting, Judo etc. disciplines. The improvement in the above disciplines could not be speeded up due to lack of facilities of National standard in the State.

1.2 Unless and until hidden potential is properly now in the younger age group i.e. 8-12 years, the performance will not be rewarding at the later stages. It is, therefore, necessary to give emphasis for more spotting of talents, coaching and competitions for the younger age groups.

1.3 The importance of participation in sports and Physical Education activities for good health, high degree of physical fitness, increased in individual productivity as a means of promoting discipline and to develop health habits, to develop attitude of cooperation, sportsmanship, fair play and team spirit including sense of devotion, self-confidence, sense of responsibility, sense of patriotism, spirit of self-sacrifice are some of the fruits of physical education and games and sports which has got a great bearing on the younger

1.4 To have a healthy and strong nation, all efforts are necessary to develop traditional and modern games including physical education activities by providing required facilities and infrastructure at all levels. It is also equally necessary to create sports consciousness among the masses in order to ensure mass participation in sports and physical education activities.

1.5 Tripura has got a long tradition in sports and games. In order to give recognition to the advancement of sports and games including physical education and youth activities, a separate Directorate of Youth Affairs & Sports came into existence during the fug end of 1989.

1.6 To do justice to the subject, it is felt that a clear out sports policy for the state is required to be framed taking into account of the local conditions & interest of the State so as to achieve the desired result in the field of promotion of Physical Education, games and sports and youth activities in the State.

2. With the above objectives in view, the state, subject to its limitations and constraints shall endeavour to :—

2.1 Creation of Infrastructure :

No Programme for development and promotion of modern games and sports, Physical Education and Youth activities can be successful unless and until necessary sports facilities such as playgrounds, swimming pool, gymnasium, Indoor and out door stadium, sports hostel, sports schools etc. are created. Such facilities shall be provided in a phase manner so that the whole state may be covered in the long run from State capital to Panchayat Level with the assistance & involvement of all concerned Departments/Agencies.

2.2 Identification of Sports Talents :

Identification of Sports talents is a must for making any head way for promotion of Sports and games and to achieve result. To find out talents and to develop pre-requisite qualities of talents, sports plays a vital role. There are two aspects in sports :—

(a) Mass participation and (b) Competition.

Stress will be given for mass participation in sports specially in rural areas and the competition is to be strengthened in schools and rural level tournaments.

Stress will also be given for inter-class/inter-house/inter-schools competition of games and sports. Play centres may be opened at Panchayat level/village council level through out the state with necessary assistance of panchayat organisations/TTAADC. to search a large number of talents for the long term benefit a continuous coaching scheme will be introduced at the



primary level of schools to cover the age group of 8-12 years and group of experts will conduct preliminary coaching classes in selected schools for a definite duration which will be followed by a preliminary screening. Further, basic training shall be arranged in the main coaching centre for a longer period.

### 2.3 Sports and Physical Education in Educational Institutions :-

School is the maternity home for physical Education and Sports. Physical Education is an integral part of general education. Sports and Physical Education is to be treated as a co-curricular activity instead of extra curriculum activity. Physical Education is to be treated as compulsory subject from Class-I to Class-X. In class XI and XII and at the college and University level, the subject should be treated as optional one. Necessary syllabus for the compulsory subject and optional one should be adopted for implementation as a part of the scheme of education.

It is to be ensured that each and every student of a school is made to play at least one or two games and participate in exercise including Yoga. The teachers should also be motivated to participate along with the students.

### 2.4 Incentive :-

Adequate incentive shall be provided to those who excel in sports/youth affairs activities. Special incentive is also to be given to outstanding sports persons/youth through employment, cash prize awards, etc. Concerned Coaches and Physical Instructors shall also be considered for incentive keeping in mind of their services to bring the best out of the sports persons. All the Departments of the State Government should also give special weightage while recruiting staff specially for "C" & "D" categories for the outstanding sports persons/Youth.

### 2.5 State Level and National Level participation in sports :-

More emphasis will be given from Block Level to State Level Competitions in the State prior to participation in National Level. State Sports Associations/School sports have special responsibilities with regard to competitive sports. They shall be encouraged to present an unified image to preserve the dignity of the State and the Nation. The State Level Associations/School Sports are to be encouraged to hold regular competitions so as to prepare the teams for participation in National Level Competitions by ensuring proper and timely selection.

The State Associations/School Sports shall also ensure that the State teams are sponsored for National Level competitions after assessing their performance in the State games and after imparting proper training/Coaching.

An expert committee approved by the Govt. should assess the standard of performance and recommend for sending team to participate in the National Level considering the prestige of the State while granting fund for such participation.

### 2.6 Specific Area Games :-

This scheme aims at identifying population group and areas where natural talent and aptitude for a particular sports exist. The scheme involves a process of identification and survey of areas in Tripura. Special competitions to assess potential/selection of promising young boys and girls and intensive training at SAG Centres in Tripura are to be arranged.

### 2.7 Strengthening of Coaching & Training :-

Now-a-days standard of performance with the advancement of science and technology has reached to its maximum. To enhance performance level of sports persons, effective training and coaching on scientific principles is a must. For providing and strengthening in the areas of coaching and training, a new initiative will be taken in the shape of searching of talents through preliminary coaching scheme, to provide basic training of specific skill to the selected talents. A long term coaching plan having various skills will also be mooted. Maximum stress will be given on periodical assessment/analysis in term of required conditional abilities and skills & according to check list/schedule and also for screening for the next phase of higher level training. Residential coaching camps and also non-residential coaching camps shall be organised at the various places according to the necessity on long term basis for the talents & to make them more proficient in their areas of activities.

Some selected school hostels, where mainly tribal students are required to stay for their studies, will be adopted as a "Sports Hostel" for providing necessary coaching/training in specific skill with the assistance of school education and Tribal Welfare Department. During their stay in the hostels, specific curriculum will be adopted to bring out the talents for achieving the desired result in games and sports.

### 2.8 Welfare Scheme for distressed sports persons :-

A scheme for the welfare of the distressed sports persons shall be formulated by the Tripura Sports Council. The scheme will provide benefits to the needy present and retired sports persons who have achieved excellence in sports and have won laurels in sports competitions in different level on behalf of the state.

### 2.9 Modern and Scientific Equipments :—

For the development and increasing efficiency for individual and team, proper modern equipment plays a vital role. The state government shall provide such sports goods to the schools and also to other coaching centres run by the Department at the District/Sub-Divisional Headquarters. Other Departments of the Government should also play their role by providing/sharing of fund with the Youth Affairs & Sports Directorate for supply of modern and scientific sports equipments at all levels upto the Panchayat so as to cover the entire youth forces in the state, in phases.

For ensuring such, a lot of fund will be required which may be pooled up from the Central Government assistance, of other Government Departments, various organisations and sponsors, for providing adequate equipments to the schools. The existing rate of sports fees should be enhanced from Rs. 1.50 per student per session to Rs. 25/- per student per session of the student of Class VI to XII & Rs. 10/- per student per session of student of Class I to V to meet the cost of sports materials and equipments and also to organise regular annual school sports. The sports fee should be collected by the concerned Head of Institutions as a non-government fund in two instalments. Proper accounts should be maintained by the concerned Heads of Institutions. This new rate may be reviewed only after every 3 years.

### 2.10 Involvement of Mass Media & Electronic Media :

The mass media/electronic media should be effectively employed in spreading and sustaining sports consciousness and to sensitize the people towards the importance of games and sports and physical education. The role to be played by the medias should also to ensure for protecting the interest of the sports programme and also to have a sound sports culture in the State.

### 2.11 Resource Mobilisation for sports :—

In order to implement the sports policy effectively, a lot of fund will be required. The State allocation of fund for sports is very minimum in view of overall weak resource base. Government of India shall provide fund through CS/CSS scheme generously specially to the smaller and weaker states like Tripura so as to take up/complete the scheme in the overall interest of the country as a whole.

In addition, Government of India will be pursued to make available a part of the income derived by the Doordarshan and AIR and also by the various profit earning corporations/bodies. Government of India should also be impressed upon to make available corporate sponsoring for the state like Tripura.

Other Departments of the Government should also make available/share fund for meeting requirement on this account.

### 2.12 Tripura Sports Council :—

The existing Tripura Sports Council will be further strengthened to advise the Government time to time for better result in respect of development of sports, for organising and popularising sports, women and rural sports programme in the State. The Tripura Sports Council will also act as nodal agency to control, supervise and assist the State Level affiliated Associations.

### 3. General :—

The new State Policy will be reviewed from time to time whenever considered necessary to adopt corrective steps. For actual implementation of the various measures spelt out in the policy, assistance of the various Government Departments will be necessary. A special implementation Committee under the chairmanship of the Chief Secretary and the Secretaries and Heads of Departments of concerned Departments as members will be constituted to oversee the implementation of the various measures and development of the sports, Physical Education and Youth Affairs activities in the State.

## YOUTH AFFAIRS POLICY

### Introduction :-

Youth in our country constitute a vast human resource which is characterised by idealism, Zeal, positive attitude towards service to others, an urge to be self-reliant and willingness to explore many new things with special address/approaches to special problems.

1.2 In order to provide opportunities to the youth to find constructive channels for their unbounded energy and to improve their own personality and character, the Directorate of Youth Affairs & Sports has been organising several youth services schemes as because the youth have to play a vital role in fostering and strengthening social consciousness against communalism and other social evils.

1.3 Youth activities are aimed at involving a large section of the youth in nation building activities, inculcating in them a spirit of adventurousness, national integration and to re-educate the values of secularism, patriotism, training and upgradation of their skills, to open up economic opportunities for them and to develop leadership qualities among them.

1.4 The youth policy lays down the following objectives :-

- i) to create awareness and respect for the principles and values enshrined in the constitution.
- ii) to promote among youth, the awareness of historical and cultural heritage and to create in them the sense of pride and national identity.
- iii) to develop in youth the qualities of discipline, self-reliance, justice and fair-play.
- iv) to ensure facility of education for all round development of personality and to equip them with professional and vocational training for employment and self-employment opportunities.

### 2. Plan of Action :-

The following shall be part of the plan of action for the implementation of the State Youth Policy :

#### 2.1 Youth Leadership Training :-

Under this programme, the Directorate of Youth Services will make endeavour to train the youth leaders so as to equip them with necessary qualities to assume the responsibilities for the village situation and all other aspects related to socio-economic, cultural and environmental development of the villages.

#### 2.2 Cultural Programme :-

Through various cultural programmes/Bharatiyam Bratachari, Youth are to be motivated and educated to take-up constructive works and to prevent social evils, corruption in society and to spread awareness against aids, drug, alcoholism, etc. cultural bondship will provide a platform for understanding each others and various communities may live in peace and amity.

#### 2.3 Sports :-

With the principle objective of inculcating and encouraging sports culture specially in Rural [Areas Rural Sports are to be organised all over the state. Further it is to spread a sports culture and spirit of Sportsmanship among rural youth through various tournaments.

#### 2.4 Celebration of National Occasions :-

The Directorate of Youth Affairs & Sports in the State will take step to celebrate National Youth Day, National Days, Sadbhavana Day, Centenary of great people etc. During these celebrations, Youth potential and commitments are to be brought forth with force.

#### 2.5 Youth Festival and Integration Camps :-

Youth Festival is being organised at Block, District, State Level so as to provide opportunity to the youth to exhibit their skills and talents in the field of culture, Literacy and other youth related activities on a common platform and to promote integration among youth belonging to different communities and regions.

#### 2.6 Youth Exchange and Tour of Youth Leaders :-

In order to promote mutual understanding, exchange of views, love and friendship among youths, to inculcate in them consciousness of the National strength through unity and to make them understand more of their State, the Directorate will implement youth exchange programmes in between the Tribal youths and non-tribal youths.

Besides, the Directorate will also send youth leaders outside the State to acquaint themselves with the development in other parts of the country.

#### 2.7 Youth Adventure :-

The Directorate will promote adventure and Mountaineering activities among youths voluntary adventure and mountaineering organisations in the State will be encouraged training facilities will be extended to the youths to get the benefit of training of recognised Mountaineering Institute, Hiking, Trekking, Rock climbing, long distance swimming & cycling, Boat race etc. programmes will be encouraged.

Youth of the State will get the opportunity to undergo preliminary adventure training in the State through the State Adventure Training Institute to be set up.

#### 2.8 Scouting & Guiding :-

Scouting and guiding is an educational, International movement aiming at developing the character of boys, girls, youths and helping them blossom as good citizen of the country and inculcating in them a spirit of loyalty, patriotism and sympathy to others including special services.

The Directorate will take necessary measures so as to involve maximum number of boys, girls and youths in then movement in this State with the assistance of the Bharat Scouts & Guided Association.

#### 2.9 Youth Hostel :-

Cheap hostelling facilities are to be provided to youths when they come on educational tours, excursions, visit to places, adventure programmes by opened more youth hostels with Government of India assistance in the State.

#### 2.10 Nehru Yuva Kendra :-

The Nehru Yuva Kendra sangathan have established 3 (three) N.Y.K. Centre in three Dist. except Dhalai Dist. in the State for implementation of various youth service programmes in each dist. For more coordinated approach, Advisory committees at Dist. & State Level will be geared up.

#### 2.11 Establishment of Youth Centre :-

Block Level Youth Centres will be set up under the guidance of youth organisers in the State. These Centres will disseminate necessary information to the youth regarding various facilities available for them in different departments of the State Government. These Centres will provide a platform for the youths to run it by themselves for their benefits.

#### 2.12 Committee for the State Youth Programmes :-

Government of India has constituted a committee for National Youth Programmes as per the guidelines of National Youth Policy. Accordingly the Directorate of Youth Affairs & Sports has also constituted the committee for State Youth Programmes with the Chief Minister as its chairman to Minister, advice & guide for achieving better result.

#### 2.13 Resource Mobilisation :-

As the youth are the main ingredient of vibrant Human Resource Development, Govt. of India should provide all financial assistance to achieve the objective through effective implementation of various youth welfare programmes.

The State shall assist through the budgeted fund of various concerned Departments.

#### 3. General :-

The new state policy on Youth Affairs will be revised from time to time to adopt corrective steps as when necessary.

3.2 Assistance & Cooperations of all section of people of the State is of vital importance for successful implementation of the various plan of actions spelt out here-in-above and it will be sought through organising various programmes on a sustained basis.

3.3 Elected bodies in rural and urban areas will be given responsibility to act as catalysts for mass participation of youth in the sports Youth Affairs activities. They will also ensure for sensitizing the guardians to involve their wards from the child age.

By order of the Governor,  
Anil Mitra  
Commissioner to the  
Govt. of Tripura.