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**GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY**  
**DIRECTORATE OF SPORTS AND YOUTH AFFAIRS**  
**(SECRETARIAT WING)**

*(G.O. Ms. No. 04, Puducherry, dated 15th July 2026)*

**ORDER**

In supersession of the G.O. Ms. No. 20, dated 12-12-2025 of the Under Secretary to Government (Sports and Youth Affairs), Puducherry, the Lieutenant-Governor, Puducherry, is pleased to notify the revised Guidelines for the Scheme of "Grant of Cash Award to the Medal Winners of Puducherry at the South Zone, National and International Sports Events" as mentioned in the Annexure to this Order.

2. The Directorate of Sports and Youth Affairs, Puducherry shall be responsible for implementation of the Scheme through the Sports Development Authority of Puducherry.

3. The revised Guidelines for the disbursal of cash awards to medal winners shall be implemented from the current Financial Year.

4. This issues with the concurrence of Finance Department *vide* I.D.No. A.32072/FC/FD/F4/2026-2027, dated 08-07-2026.

(By order of the Lieutenant-Governor)

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#### ANNEXURE – I

#### **Revised Guidelines for the Scheme of “Grant of Cash Award to the Medal Winners of Union territory of Puducherry at the South Zone, National and International Sports Events”**

The Scheme for Cash Awards to Medal Winners in various Sports Events and to their Coaches was in vogue in the Union territory of Puducherry and implemented through the Puducherry State Sports Council. Consequent on merger / amalgamation of the Puducherry State Sports Council and the Rajiv Gandhi School of Sports, Puducherry and formation of Sports Development Authority of Puducherry, Puducherry by the Government *vide* G.O. Ms. No. 32, dated 17-10-2022, it has been decided by the Government to notify necessary Guidelines with the aim of streamlining the grant of Cash Award by suitably framing eligibility criteria and improving the disbursement process.

Accordingly, the Government notified the Guidelines *vide* G.O. Ms. No. 20, dated 12-12-2025. However, it has been noted that several Sports Disciplines which figure in the said Guidelines are not genuinely practiced or represented in the Union territory of Puducherry. As such, it has been decided to notify revised Guidelines to encourage genuine sporting excellence among sportspersons and to promote sports disciplines which have established participation among sportspersons, recognized competitive structure and functional ecosystem.

The execution of these revised Guidelines would be by the Directorate of Sports and Youth Affairs, Puducherry through the Sports Development Authority of Puducherry.

1. *Short title, extent and commencement.*— (i) The Guidelines shall be called the “Grant of Cash Award to the Medal winners of Union territory of Puducherry at the South Zone, National and International Sports Events”.

(ii) The Guidelines shall extend to the Sportspersons and Coaches in the Union territory of Puducherry.

(iii) It shall come into force from the current Financial Year, superseding the G.O. Ms. No. 20, dated 12-12-2025 of the Directorate of Sports and Youth Affairs (Secretariat Wing), Puducherry.

2. *Object.*— The objective of notifying these revised Guidelines is to incentivize the achievements of outstanding Sportspersons and Coaches, encourage and motivate them for higher achievements and to act as inspiring role models for attracting the younger generation to take up Sports; and to produce sportspersons capable of excelling in International arena at the highest level, in sporting events such as the Olympic Games, Asian Games and Commonwealth Games.

3. *Scope.*— To provide financial incentives and due recognition to meritorious Sportspersons of Puducherry, thereby motivating them to achieve higher standards of performance and to participate in prestigious competitions at the National and International levels.

4. *Definition.*— (i) “Government” means, the Administrator of the Union territory of Puducherry appointed by the President under Article 239 of the Constitution.

(ii) “Sportspersons” means, those who have participated in the International, National or South Zone competitions on behalf of the Union territory of Puducherry.

(iii) “Coach” means, a person who possesses a recognized Diploma in coaching (or equivalent) and imparts coaching to Puducherry sportspersons to develop their skill and achieve excellence, bringing recognition to the Union territory of Puducherry.

(iv) “Apex Sports Body” means, the Body responsible for Olympic Games (International Olympic Committee-IOC), Asian Games (Olympic Council of Asia-OCA), Commonwealth Games (Commonwealth Games Federation-CGF), World Championship (International Federations-IFs), Para-Sports (International Paralympic Committee-IPC), Diverse Ability Athletes Sports (International Committee of Sports for the Deaf-ICSD, International Blind Sports Federation-IBSA), Special Olympics (Special Olympics International-SOI), World University Games (International University Sports Federation-FISU), National Games (Indian Olympics Association-IOA), and National Championship (National Sports Federation-NSF), and includes Paralympic Committee of India (PCI), All India Sports Council of the Deaf (AISCD), Special Olympics Bharat (SOB) and Indian Blind Sports Association (IBSA).

(v) “MYAS” means, the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India.

(vi) “Competition/Championship” means, any sporting competition or championship which is duly recognized, sanctioned, or authorized by the competent Apex Governing Body of the respective sport at the State, National and International level.

(vii) “Eligible Sports Disciplines” means, the sports/games which are annexed to this Order.

(viii) “Team Event” means, events where each team has more than one person as a member.

5. *Eligibility*.— (i) The sportsperson shall be a resident of the Union territory of Puducherry. Nativity Certificate from the Competent Authority shall be produced; students who have undergone foreign studies and sportspersons who have undergone foreign training are exempted from this condition, to the extent of the period of such foreign studies/training.

(ii) The sportsperson must have participated in the National Championship and National Games on behalf of the Union territory of Puducherry within the last four (4) years before the date on which he/she won the medal, if he/she has participated in that National Championship or National Games.

(iii) Achievement in International Competitions / Championships will be considered for cash incentive only with earlier National and State level achievements. Direct participation in any International Competitions will not be considered for cash incentive.

(iv) Cash Incentive is not applicable for Invitation / Open / Memorial Competitions.

(v) The International sports competitions should have been conducted by the International sports Body recognized by the International Olympic Committee.

(vi) The National sports competitions should have been conducted by the National Sports Federations recognized by the Indian Olympic Association, Paralympic Committee of India, All India Sports Council of the Deaf, Special Olympics Bharat, Indian Blind Sports Association, or as notified by MYAS.

(vii) The achievements of the sportspersons and the coaches may be verified through authorized agencies or official databases.

(viii) The concerned State Sports Association must be duly recognized by the National Sports Federation or by the Directorate of Sports and Youth Affairs/Sports Development Authority of Puducherry.

(ix) International Medal Applicants shall submit the prescribed application along with mandatory documents, viz., MYAS-NOC, NSF Players Selection List, Team Fixtures, Certificate and Form-I, Player Event Identity Card and Visa copy.

6. *Amount of Cash Award.*—

**(i) Category: 'A'. International Sports**

| Sl. No. | Name of the Event                 | Amount of Incentive<br>(Rupees in Lakh) |              |              |
|---------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
|         |                                   | Gold Medal                              | Silver Medal | Bronze Medal |
| (1)     | (2)                               | (3)                                     | (4)          | (5)          |
| 1       | Olympic Games (Summer and Winter) | 50                                      | 30           | 20           |
| 2       | Asian Games                       | 20                                      | 15           | 10           |
| 3       | Commonwealth Games                | 20                                      | 15           | 10           |

| (1) | (2)                                                       | (3) | (4)  | (5)  |
|-----|-----------------------------------------------------------|-----|------|------|
| 4   | World Championships / World Cup<br>(held quadrennially) # | 20  | 15   | 10   |
| 5   | World Championships / World Cup<br>(held biennially) #    | 10  | 7.5  | 5    |
| 6   | World Championship / World Cup<br>(held annually) #       | 5   | 3.75 | 2.5  |
| 7   | Asian Championships<br>(held quadrennially) *             | 10  | 7.5  | 2.5  |
| 8   | Asian Championships (held biennially)*                    | 5   | 3.75 | 1.25 |
| 9   | Asian Championships (held annually) *                     | 2.5 | 1.25 | 0.75 |
| 10  | World University Games (held biennially)                  | 2.5 | 1.25 | 0.75 |

**#Sl.No.4 to 6 :** Only sports disciplines included in the Olympic Games are eligible

**\*Sl.No.7 to 9 :** Only sports disciplines included in the Asian Games are eligible.

**Note :** The number of participating countries shall be at least sixteen (16) for individual events and at least twelve (12) for team events for eligibility of cash incentive.

**(ii) Category: 'B' Para-Sports**

| Sl.<br>No. | Name of the Event                    | Amount of Incentive<br>(Rupees in Lakh) |                 |                 |
|------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
|            |                                      | Gold<br>Medal                           | Silver<br>Medal | Bronze<br>Medal |
| (1)        | (2)                                  | (3)                                     | (4)             | (5)             |
| 1          | Paralympic Games (Summer and Winter) | 50                                      | 30              | 20              |
| 2          | Para Asian Games                     | 20                                      | 15              | 10              |
| 3          | Commonwealth Games (Para-athletes)   | 20                                      | 15              | 10              |

| (1) | (2)                                                                   | (3) | (4) | (5)  |
|-----|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|------|
| 4   | World Cup / World Championships recognized by IPC (held biennially) # | 15  | 7.5 | 3.75 |
| 5   | World Cup / World Championships recognized by IPC (held annually) #   | 10  | 5   | 2.5  |

**#Sl.No. 4 and 5 :** Only sports disciplines included in the Paralympic and Para Asian Games are eligible.

**Note :** (i) The number of participating countries shall be at least sixteen (16) for individual events and at least twelve (12) for team events for eligibility of cash incentive.

**Note :** (ii) The able-bodied sportsperson(s) playing with para sportsperson(s) are not eligible for the cash incentive.

**(iii) Category: 'C' Diverse Ability Athletes Sports**

| Sl. No. | Name of the Event                                                                                                                   | Amount of Incentive (Rupees in Lakh) |              |              |
|---------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
|         |                                                                                                                                     | Gold Medal                           | Silver Medal | Bronze Medal |
| (1)     | (2)                                                                                                                                 | (3)                                  | (4)          | (5)          |
| 1       | IBSA World Championship / World Cup (IBSA recognized sports discipline only)                                                        | 15                                   | 7.5          | 3.5          |
| 2       | Blind Cricket World Cup (IBSA recognized)                                                                                           | 15                                   | 7.5          | 3.5          |
| 3       | Deaflympics (ICSD recognized sports disciplines)                                                                                    | 15                                   | 7.5          | 3.5          |
| 4       | Special Olympics World Games (SOI recognized sports disciplines)                                                                    | 15                                   | 7.5          | 3.5          |
| 5       | World Championships in Deaf Sports (recognized by ICSD)<br>(sports disciplines included in the Deaflympics Games are only eligible) | 15                                   | 7.5          | 3.5          |

**Note :** (i) The number of participating countries shall be at least sixteen (16) for individual events and at least twelve (12) for team events for eligibility of cash incentive.

**Note :** (ii) The able-bodied sportsperson(s) playing with para sportsperson(s) are not eligible for the cash incentive.

**(iv) Category: 'D' National / South Zone Championship**

| Sl.<br>No. | Name of the Event                                             | Amount of Incentive<br>(Rupees in Lakh) |                 |                 |
|------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
|            |                                                               | Gold<br>Medal                           | Silver<br>Medal | Bronze<br>Medal |
| (1)        | (2)                                                           | (3)                                     | (4)             | (5)             |
| 1          | National Games (held annually)#                               | 1.5                                     | 1.00            | 0.75            |
| 2          | Senior National Championship<br>(held annually)#              | 1.5                                     | 1.00            | 0.75            |
| 3          | Sub-Junior / Junior National Championship<br>(held annually)# | 1.00                                    | 0.75            | 0.50            |
| 4          | South Zone Championship<br>(held annually)*                   | 0.20                                    | 0.15            | 0.10            |

**Sl.No.1 to 4 :** The disciplines listed in Annexure III are only eligible.

**#Sl.No.1 to 3 :** The number of participating States / Union Territory shall be at least twelve (12) for both individual and team events for eligibility of cash incentive.

**\*Sl.No. 4 :** The number of participating States / Union Territory shall be at least four (4) for both individual and team events for eligibility of cash incentive.

The cash awards stated above, unless otherwise specified, are for events held quadrennially.

- The cash award for events held biennially shall be half (50%) of the amount allocated for quadrennial events.
- The cash award for events held annually shall be one-fourth (25%) of the amount allocated for quadrennial events.

7. *Participation.*— (i) If, a Sportsperson(s) from the Union territory of Puducherry represents India and secures participation in Olympic Games (Summer / Winter) and Paralympic Games, he/she shall be given a cash incentive of ₹ 5 Lakh, irrespective of individual/team event.

(ii) If, a Sportsperson(s) from the Union territory of Puducherry represents India and secures participation in Asian Games/ Commonwealth Games (or their corresponding Para Games), he/she shall be given a cash incentive of ₹ 2.5 Lakh, irrespective of individual/team event.

(iii) The above clauses (i) and (ii) are not applicable for any other competitions / championships, except as stated above.

8. *Team Events.*— Team events refer to competitions where multiple athletes / sportspersons compete collectively as a unit. Each team comprises more than one member. The cash incentive shall be awarded to all team members, including the bench / reserve players, in accordance with the international standards applicable to each sport discipline.

(i) In team events, the cash incentive for each team member, for the sports disciplines specified in Annexure-I, II & III, shall be 75% of the incentive amount applicable to the corresponding individual event, based on the medal level and the category of participation.

***Exemption :* For the Olympic Games, Asian Games, Commonwealth Games and their corresponding Para Games, the cash incentive shall be paid at 100%, corresponding to the individual category, irrespective of team / individual event.**

(ii) For International events: minimum twelve (12) participating countries for team events, sixteen (16) for individual events. For National events: minimum twelve (12) participating States / Union Territories, for both individual and team events. For South Zone events: minimum four (4) participating States / Union Territories, for both individual and team events.

**No cash incentive shall be given if, the number of teams/ participating Countries or States, as applicable, is below the minimum prescribed above.**

(iii) In any sports competition / championship, if, a sportsperson secures multiple medals in either individual or team categories, he/she shall be entitled to receive the cash incentive only for the

highest-ranking medal won in that competition / championship. However, in the case of the Olympic Games, Asian Games and Commonwealth Games, and their corresponding Para Games, a sportsperson who wins multiple medals in either individual or team categories shall be eligible to receive the cash incentive for each medal won, subject to the terms and conditions prescribed under this Scheme.

9. *Incentive To Coaches.*—

**Eligibility Conditions :**

- (i) The coach must be a resident of Puducherry.
- (ii) The medal winning sportsperson must have represented Puducherry in the concerned competition / championship.
- (iii) The claim must be submitted within the prescribed time-limit from the date of winning the medal.
- (iv) The coach must have been the official coach of the sportsperson(s) during the relevant training period.
- (v) Cash incentives shall be admissible only to the coaches who have produced medal winning sportsperson(s) representing the Union territory of Puducherry in the Olympic Games, Asian Games, Commonwealth Games (and their corresponding Para Games).
- (vi) A Coach shall possess a recognized Diploma in coaching (or equivalent), and imparts coaching to Puducherry sportspersons to develop their skill and achieve excellence, bringing recognition to the Union territory of Puducherry.
- (vii) In case of individual events, the coach / set of coaches associated with the medal winning sportsperson(s) shall receive 50% of the cash incentive payable to the respective sportsperson(s).
- (viii) In case of team events, the coach / set of coaches associated with the medal-winning team shall receive the same percentage of the cash incentive as specified under (vii) above, for the corresponding medal.

- (ix) The set of coaches may comprise two or more coaches. In such cases, the total cash incentive amount shall be ascertained as per the provision under 'Nomination of Multiple Coaches' below:

***Nomination of Multiple Coaches: In cases where more than one coach is nominated in a single category, the allocated cash incentive for that category shall be distributed equally among all the nominated coaches (as one set of coaches).***

- (x) The cash incentive payable to the coach / set of coaches shall be determined based on the recommendations made by the medal-winning sportsperson(s) and the supporting documents/details provided in the (online) application.

10. *Applications for the Cash Incentive Under this Scheme.*— Applications under this Scheme shall be submitted exclusively by the sportsperson(s) (through the designated portal or) at the Directorate of Sports and Youth Affairs, Puducherry, within six months from the conclusion of the respective competition/championship. The Directorate of Sports and Youth Affairs shall not entertain any requests for relaxation in cases where the sportsperson fails to submit the cash incentive application within the stipulated time frame. The condonation of delay in submitting the application will only be considered by the Government based on merits on case to case basis. The achievements of the sportsperson and the coaches may be verified through authorized agencies or official databases.

11. *General Provisions.*— (a) The cash incentive provided under this Scheme do not constitute a legal right. All decisions of the Government regarding matters covered under this Scheme, including its interpretation, shall be the final and binding. No appeal, challenge, or claim shall be permitted against such decisions.

(b) In the case of any ambiguity, dispute, or conflict regarding the interpretation of any provision of this Scheme, the decision of the Government shall be the final and binding.

(c) Government reserves the right to suspend, freeze, or discontinue this Scheme at its sole discretion, without the obligation to provide any justification or prior notice.

(d) Cash incentive shall be released only through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) into an Aadhaar-linked Bank Account.

(e) Legal action would be initiated against the sportspersons/coaches if, they furnish bogus/fabricated certificates or documents under this Scheme. They shall ensure that all certificates or documents produced are genuine and obtained from the Competent Authorities.

12. *Relaxation.*— Any exceptions, relaxations, or amendments to the provisions of this Scheme may be made with the approval of the Government.

#### ANNEXURE – II

**Following Eligible Disciplines shall be considered for cash incentive wherever a Union territory of Puducherry Sports person(s) win(s) a medal**

| Sl. No. | Category                       | Eligible Disciplines                                                                                       |
|---------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| (1)     | (2)                            | (3)                                                                                                        |
| 1       | Olympic Games                  | All disciplines                                                                                            |
| 2       | Asian Games                    | All disciplines                                                                                            |
| 3       | Commonwealth Games             | All disciplines                                                                                            |
| 4       | World University Games         | All disciplines (including Para Disciplines) as per the International University Sports Federation (FISU). |
| 5       | World Championship / World Cup | Only sports disciplines included in the Olympic Games are eligible.                                        |
| 6       | Asian Championship             | Only sports disciplines included in the Asian Games are eligible.                                          |

## ANNEXURE – III

**List of Eligible Sports Disciplines for Grant of Cash Incentives to Medal Winners in National and South Zone Championships**

| Sl. No. | Name of Sport Discipline |
|---------|--------------------------|
| (1)     | (2)                      |
| 1       | Archery                  |
| 2       | Athletics                |
| 3       | Badminton                |
| 4       | Ball Badminton           |
| 5       | Basketball               |
| 6       | Boxing                   |
| 7       | Carrom                   |
| 8       | Chess                    |
| 9       | Cricket                  |
| 10      | Cycling                  |
| 11      | Deaf Sports              |
| 12      | Fencing                  |
| 13      | Football                 |
| 14      | Gymnastics               |
| 15      | Handball                 |
| 16      | Hockey                   |
| 17      | Judo                     |
| 18      | Kabaddi                  |
| 19      | Karate                   |
| 20      | Kayaking and Canoeing    |
| 21      | Kho-Kho                  |

| (1) | (2)                                                                                 |
|-----|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 22  | Mallakhamb                                                                          |
| 23  | Netball                                                                             |
| 24  | Para Sports (for Sports Discipline included in Para Olympics and Para Asian Games). |
| 25  | Powerlifting                                                                        |
| 26  | Roller Skating                                                                      |
| 27  | Shooting                                                                            |
| 28  | Swimming                                                                            |
| 29  | Table-Tennis                                                                        |
| 30  | Taekwondo                                                                           |
| 31  | Tennis                                                                              |
| 32  | Volleyball                                                                          |
| 33  | Weightlifting                                                                       |
| 34  | Wrestling                                                                           |
| 35  | Yogasana                                                                            |