

## **SPORTS AND YOUTH SERVICES IN AMRAVATI REGION.**

The Deptt. Of Sports and Youth Services came into existence in 1971 with a noble cause i.e. to keep the people physically fit and to popularise the sports activities in the society. It is an universal truth that sports is the best way to bring out the inner tendencies, the aggression, and the natural instinct to over power. The medal tally in an important international competition sets the graph of fitness of a country/state. Keeping in mind the above facts, Maharashtra Govt. decided to establish a separate department for development of the sports.

Today Maharashtra Govt. is spending around Rs. 100 crores per year for the upcoming of sports. Every now and then the state govt. is trying to provide more & more facilities for the promotion of sports. Recently the sports deptt. has been attached to the education deptt. so as to bring the school going children in the mainstream.

### **POLICY OF DEPARTMENT**

According to the sports policy 1996, 10 years plan was adopted in 2001. the following major decisions had been taken and implemented in every district of Maharashtra State

- 1) Fitness for all through sports.
- 2) Infrastructure development plan-construction of Divisional sports Complex at Divisional Headquarters, District Sports Complex in every district, Taluka. Sports Complex in everu Taluka.
- 3) Retrieving the sports culture.
- 4) State Sports Development Fund.
- 5) Establishment of Sports University.

### **SCHEMES SPONSORED BY DISTRICT PLANNING COMMITTEE:-**

The scheme receives the financial allocation by the recommendation of the D.P.C. some of the major schemes are illustrated below.

#### **A) Kridangan Viikas (Development of Playground):-**

Under this scheme any society registered under society Registration Act is eligible to apply for the financial assistance. The work such as leveling of the playground, fencing of the playground, construction of running track and various play fields construction of toilet block, drinking water facility and store room etc can be taken under this scheme. 50% of the estimated cost of the project or a maximum of Rs. 2.00 lakh each whichever is less, could be paid as a grant-in-aid under this scheme.

#### **B) Vyayamshala Vikas (Health Center Development):-**

Under this scheme any society registered under Society Registration Act is eligible to apply for the financial assistance. The grant-in-aid is admissible for construction of new health center, purchase of equipment and renewal of the old health center. 75% of the estimated cost of the project or a maximum of Rs. 2.00 lakh for each project, whichever is less could be paid as a grant-in-aid (90% for S.C.P.)

**C) Gao Tathe Kridangan Vikas (Playground in every village):-**

Under this scheme any society registered under Society Registration Act is eligible to apply for the financial assistance. The grant-in-aid is admissible for leveling the playground, fencing of the playground and construction of health center. 80% of the estimated cost of the project or a maximum of Rs. 1.00 lakh each whichever is less could be paid as a grant-in-aid. The project should be in the jurisdiction of a Gram panchayat consisting population of at least 5000 according the 1991 census. (2000 for TSP). The applicant society should possess at least 3 acres of land (2 acres for TSP).

**D) Yuvak Kalayan (Youth Welfare):-**

Under this scheme any society registered under Society Registration Act is eligible to apply for the financial assistance. Organization of various camps for the cause of youth welfare is the subhead of this scheme. 50% of the estimated cost or Rs. 25000/- whichever is less could be paid as a grant-in-aid.

2) Schemes Sponsored by State Govt.

The major schemes are as under –

- A) Construction of sports complex.
- B) Organization of various tournaments at different levels.
- C) Financial assistance for construction of Swimming Pools.
- D) To run a sport academy.
- E) Awarding the sports persons.

## **Infrastructure Created by Sports Deptt.:-**

### **Divisional Sport Complex in Division Headquarter : --**

The Govt. Resolution dt. 26.03.2003 decided to construct sports complex at Division & District. As Amravati is the divisional headquarter, Govt. had decided to establish a Divisional Sports Complex in Amravati. The plan of Rs. 16.00 crore for Divisional Sports Complex, Amravati had been submitted to the Govt. and a grant of Rs. 8.33 Crores has been sanctioned as the project.

From the received grant of Rs. 8.33 Crore the following facilities had been created in the Divisional Sports Complex, Amravati.

- 1) Separate hostel for boys & girls having a capacity of 100 each.
- 2) Canteen building.
- 3) Tennis court-1, Skating Rink-1, Basket Ball Courts-2, Kabaddi Court-2, kho-kho Court-2 Volleyball Court-2.
- 4) Extantion of Administrative Building, Stadium Roofing, Protection wall with gate, internal roads.
- 5) The work of Indoor Hall is in progress.

Present status of work:- The work has been completed.

The Above mention Sanctioned Grant increased in Divsional Sports Complex changed (Increased) in Government Resolution in Dated 20 March 2009 in Rs. 1600.00 to Rs. 2400.00.

### **AMRAVATI DIVISIONAL SPORTS COMPLEX:-**

(Rs. In Lakh)

Funds received	Expenditure	Remarks
1	2	3
8.33	890.00	In First Phase - Hostel, Canteen Building, Lawn Tennis Court-1, Skating Rink-1, Basket Ball Court-2, Kabddi Court-2, Kho-Kho Court-2, Volleyball Court – 2 & Wall compound with gate are completed.
		In Second Phase – Expandsion of Administrative Building, Stadium roofing, Internal roads etc. completed.
		In Third Phase - The work of Indoor Hall & 400 mts. Running Track, Work is in Progress.

**DISTRICT SPORTS COMPLEX:-**

Government has decided to construct Distt.Sports Complex at every district to the tune of Rs. 4.00 crores each. The details of the funds received and expenditure incurred upto date is as follows :

The Above mention Sanctioned Grant increased in District Sports Complex changed (Increased) in Government Resolution in Dated 20 March 2009 in Rs. 400.00 to Rs. 800.00.

**AKOLA SPORTS COMPLEX:-**

(Rs. In Lakh)

Funds received	Expenditure	Remarks
1	2	3
400.00	444.60	Hostels, Pavilion, Playfields, 400 mts. Running Track, Indoor hall, Swimming pool, Outdoor Stadium are completed.
		The Sport Equipment Purchasing Process in Progress.

**WASHIM SPORTS COMPLEX:-**

(Rs. In Lakh)

Funds received	Expenditure	Remarks
1	2	3
2.78	94.00	The Work of Hostels Building, 400 Mt. Running Track and playfield are completed. The work of indoor hall is in progress.

**BULDANA SPORTS COMPLEX:-**

(Rs. In Lakh)

Funds received	Expenditure	Remarks
1	2	3
400.00	425.00	The works of Hostel, pavilion, playfield, track, Indoor Hall and Swimming Pool are completed. Internal roads, electrification, Compound Wall with gate, water supply etc. is completed.
		The Sport Equipment Purchasing process is in Progress

**YAVATMAL SPORTS COMPLEX:-**

(Rs. In Lakh)

Funds received	Expenditure	Remarks
1	2	3
3.97	2.54.63	The Work of Hostel, pavilion, playfield, track, Indoor hall are completed.
		The above mentioned work has been completed and the sports subordinate Activities ex. Different Games Grounds, Stadium Wall compound, Entrance Gate, Electricity, Water supply & sanitation, etc. work is completed.
		The Work of Swimming pool is in progress.

**Major lacunae in the existing structure and remedies : -**

- \* According to the school code, the playground should be made compulsory for educational institutions. During the inspection of various schools and educational institutions, it has been noticed that more than 50 % of schools do not even possess a proper playground.
- \* Participation in inter-school sports should be made compulsory. While it has been observed that the participation ratio of students in sports activities is very low.
- \* Lack of basic facilities for sports.
- \* The flow of grants towards educational institutions should be continuous to enable them to participate in sports. While it is observed that the poor financial condition of educational institutions in the region leads to non-participation in sports.
- \* The flow of financial assistance is not continuous, which leads to a break in the on-going work of sports complexes at various levels.
- \* The number of employees should be increased for maximum output. On the contrary, a lack of manpower in district offices leads to a delay in work or unsuccessful implementation of schemes.
- \* A sports Code should be designed to keep control on the activities of education/sports in a better manner. While the non-existence of "Sports Code" is leading to the improper functioning of educational institutions regarding sports.