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GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA

SPORTS & YOUTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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RESOLUTION

The 15th December 2015

The “Biju Patnaik Sports Award” Scheme notified vide this Department Resolution No 7259/SYS, dated the 9th June 2014 and subsequently amended vide Notification No. 17820-SYS, dated the 19th November 2014 is hereby revised as given below. This revised scheme shall come into effect from the 1st January 2016.

BIJU PATNAIK SPORTS AWARD

1. Objective :

To commemorate the yeoman service of Late Biju Patnaik, the ex Chief Minister of Odisha, towards development of Sports & Games in the State by conferring the highest honour of Government of Odisha in the field of Sports in his name; and there by

- (i) To encourage .development of Sports & Games in the State
- (ii) To honour meritorious sportspersons who have made the State Proud
- (iii) To inspire and motivate young talents to excel in Sports & Games by emulating the seniors.

2. Definition :

In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires :—

- (i) Coach means—A person who has been employed as a Coach in State Government, Sports & Youth Services Department, S.A.I., O.C.S., Sports Associations, or any other Corporate Private Sectors, Organizations, Clubs with regular Sports activities in pursuing active coaching in individual capacity or a person who produces outstanding result in different Olympic Sports Disciplines and Non-Olympic Sports Disciplines recognized by G.O.I. and State Government and such Indigenous Sports which are recognized by the State Government under extant Rule.
- (ii) Sports Discipline means—The Sports disciplines recognized by International Olympic Committee (I.O.C.), Indian Olympic Association (I.O.A.), Government of India (G.o.I.), Sports Authority of India (S.A.I.) and Government of Odisha (G.O.O.) including Sports Event for Persons with Disability.

3. The Award :

There shall be 4 (four) awards to be presented every year, subject to availability of suitable candidate, which are as follows :

- (i) Biju Patnaik Sports Award for Lifetime Achievement in promotion of Sports & Games, which will carry Cash Award of Rs. 3,00,000 (Rupees three lakh only).
- (ii) Biju Patnaik Sports Award for outstanding performance in Sports & Games for the year, which will carry Cash Award of Rs. 2,00,000 (Rupees two lakh only).
- (iii) Biju Patnaik Sports Award for excellence in coaching, which will carry Cash Award Rs. 1,00,000 (Rupees one lakh only).
- (iv) Biju Patnaik Sports Award for Best contribution to promotion of Sports & Games, which will carry Cash Award of Rs. 50,000 (Rupees Fifty thousand only).

A statue, a scroll of honour and a blazer with tie shall be given along with all the Cash Awards.

4. Eligibility :

(i) General Criteria of Eligibility :

- (a) He/she should be a permanent resident of State of Odisha or shall be staying at least for a period not less than 07 years.
- (b) He/she should not have been convicted of any criminal offence
- (c) The award will be conferred on a person only once in his/her life time, pertaining to the concerned category.
- (d) The award can be given posthumously to the next of kin of the selected Sportsperson
- (e) Persons found positive for use of drugs/banned substances for performance enhancement, will not be eligible for this Award.

(ii) Biju Patnaik Sports Award for Life Time Achievement in Promotion of Sports & Games:

To be eligible for this Award, a Sportsperson should have not only good performances in National and International levels but should also have continued to contribute for promotion of Sports & Games in his/her individual capacity even after retirement from active sporting career. The minimum age of the applicant should be 45 years as on 1st January of the year of Award.

(iii) Biju Patnaik Sports Award for Outstanding Performance in Sports & Games for the year :

To be eligible for this award, a Sportsperson of Odisha must have achieved Outstanding Performance in any of the recognized sports during the year making the State of Odisha and India proud.

(iv) Biju Patnaik Sports Award for Excellence in Coaching :

To be eligible for this award, a coach should have devoted his/her career for imparting Coaching in any of the major Sports disciplines, and should have coached Sportspersons achieving excellence in National and International Levels.

(v) Biju Patnaik Sports Award for Best Contribution to promotion of Sports & Games:

To be eligible for this award, a person must have substantially contributed to Promotion of Sports & Games in various ways such as Sports Journalists, Sports Administrators, Sports Support Staff (other than coaches), Sports Lovers, Sports Philanthropists, Sportsperson Recruitment Authority, etc. The minimum age of the applicant should be 45 years as on 1st January of the year of Award.

5. Applications for Award :

- (i) Advertisement for the award shall be uploaded every year in January in the Department Website with prescribed format for application which will be also available in the Office of District Collector, DSOs, SPs, NYKS, Odisha Council of Sports and Sports & Youth Services Department.
- (ii) The applications can be sent by the Collector, SP, DSO, NYKS, concerned Sports Association, the person himself/herself or Odisha Council of Sports to the Sports & Youth Services Department.
- (iii) The Department of Sports & Youth Services also reserves the right to *suo moto* nominate names for the award.
- (iv) The Application shall contain :
 - (a) 3 (three) Passport size photographs
 - (b) Adequate documentary evidence in support of the claim for the award
- (v) The application form and all supporting documents must be self attested by the applicant, i.e. there is no need for attestation by any Gazetted Officer.

6. Scrutiny of Application :

Secretary, Sports & Youth Services Department will constitute a Five Member scrutiny Committee comprising of senior officials and Coaches of the Department with Director-*cum*-Addl. Secretary, Sports and Youth Services Department or the senior most officer of the Department as Head of the Committee to scrutinize all the applications and placing the scrutiny result before the Selection Committee for consideration.

7. Selection Procedure :

An Eight Member Selection Committee will be constituted by Govt. under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Sports & Youth Services Department as suggested below for selection of Awardees :

1	Secretary, Sports and Youth Services Department	..	Chairman
2	One Olympian/International Sports person of the State	..	Member
3	One Arjun Awardee of the State	..	Member
4	One Biju Patnaik Sports Awardee of the State	..	Member
5	One Biju Patnaik Sports Journalist Awardee	..	Member
6	One Sports Administrator of the State	..	Member
7	Hony. Secretary, Odisha Olympic Association	..	Member
8	Director- <i>cum</i> -Addl. Secretary, Sports and Y. S., Odisha/ Any Senior Officer of this Department nominated by the Secretary.	..	Member- Convener

The Selection Committee shall examine the scrutinized nominations/ applications and recommend names for each award for approval of Government at the level of Hon'ble Minister, Sports & Youth Services.

8. Presentation of Award :

- (i) Presentation of the awards shall be made in a special ceremony on National Sports Day i.e. 29th August every year.
- (ii) The Awardees shall be invited to receive the awards in person. They shall be given T.A. and D.A. at the rate admissible to a Grade 'A' Officer.

9. Timeline for the Award :

- (i) Invitation of application through issue of Advertisement : By 31st January
- (ii) Last date for receipt of applications : By 31st March
- (iii) Scrutiny and Selection : By 31st May
- (iv) Award Ceremony : 29th August (National Sports Day)

10. Annulment & Cancellation of Award :

- (i) The Award may be cancelled in case it is found that it has been obtained by fraudulent means.
- (ii) In such event, the concerned person shall be asked to refund the award failing which steps will be taken to recover the involved cost from him/her with simple interest @ 5% per annum.

11. General Principle :

- (i) Canvassing for the award in any form is prohibited
- (ii) The award can also be given posthumously to the next of the kin of the Awardee.
- (iii) In case of selection of more than one person for an award, the award money will be shared amongst the Awardees.
- (iv) It will not be binding on the Department of Sports & Youth Services to confer the award every year. In case of non-availability of suitable persons for the award, the award shall not be given for the respective year.

12. Repeal :

With coming into force of this revised scheme w.e.f the 1st January 2016, the existing scheme of Biju Patnaik Award for outstanding performance in promotion of Sports & Games stands repealed automatically.

ORDER—Ordered that this Resolution will be published in the *Odisha Gazette* and copies supplied to all Departments of Government/all Heads of Departments/all Collectors/all Superintendent of Police for information & necessary action.

By order of the Governor

SASWAT MISHRA

Commissioner-cum-Secretary
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