

Sports Authority of India

Sub:- Statement showing reasons for the delay in submission of the Annual Report and Audited Accounts of SAI for the year 2018-19 in the Parliament

In terms of Rule 50 of the Rules of Sports Authority of India (SAI), the Annual Report and Audited Accounts along with the Audit Report thereon of SAI are required to be laid in both the Houses of Parliament.

2.0 Further, as per existing instructions of the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, the Annual Report as well as the Audited Accounts of an autonomous body are required to be placed in the Parliament within nine months after the closing of the accounting year. Accordingly, the Annual Report and Audited Accounts along with the Audited Report thereon of SAI for the year 2018-19 were to be laid in the Parliament by 31st December 2019. However, on account of the reasons mentioned below, it has not been possible to lay the said documents before the Parliament earlier:-

a)	Annual Accounts submitted to Competent Authority of SAI	03/01/2020
b)	Approval by the Governing Body in its 52 nd meeting held on	13/03/2020
c)	The date of submission of the Annual Accounts by SAI to the Audit Authority of DGACE	24/01/2020
d)	Statutory Audit i.e. Certification audit taken up by DGACE, Delhi	From 06/03/2020 to 20/03/2020 and 11/08/2020 to 01/09/2020
e)	Date of receipt Draft Audit Report	31/12/2020
f)	The date of submission of replies to the Draft Audit Report to DGACE, Delhi	14/01/2021
g)	The date of approval of the Annual Report and Audited Accounts of SAI for the year 2018-19 by the Governing Body in its 52 nd meeting Chaired by Minister of State (I/c) for YA&S	13/03/2020
h)	Final Audit Report received on	19/03/2021
i)	Completion of Translation of Annual Report 2018-19	06/04/2021
j)	Date of submission of the Report to the Printer for bilingual Printing	07/04/2021
k)	Date of receipt of printed copies of the Report	15/04/2021
l)	Date of forwarding of Annual Report and Audited Accounts to MYAS	16/04/2021
m)	Quantum of Delay	1 year & 3 ½ months

3.0 Thus as Stated above the reason of delay are:-

- i) The Lok Sabha Election was scheduled during the month of April and May 2019.
- ii) The Separate Audit Report on the accounts of SAI for 2017-18 was received on 11/11/2019 and after receipt of SAR assurance given by SAI in response to the observations pointed out by audit authority in the Draft Audit Report the same was rectified in the accounts for 2018-2019.
- iii) The complete lockdown due to COVID 19 from 24/03/2020.
- iv) The Audit Authority of DGACE, Delhi has taken up the Certification Audit after almost 01 and half months and the same was suspended due to COVID 19. Audit Authority has again taken up the audit almost after 06 months from the date of submission of Annual Accounts.
- v) The Draft Audit Report on the accounts of SAI for 2018-2019 was received after almost 04 and half months after completion of the Certification Audit.
- vi) The Final Audit Report from DGACE, Delhi received on 19/03/2021.

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