

CHAPTER - I

INTRODUCTION

The Sports Authority of India was established in 1984 as a Society under the Societies Registration Act, 1860. It is a major field agency of Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India for Sports, with its Head office at New Delhi and Regional Offices spread over the length and breadth of the country. Naturally, the schemes are aimed at spotting talents in the country and nurturing them by providing the requisite support in terms of scientific training, availability of infrastructure, equipment support, domestic and foreign exposure etc. A side from this the maintenance and utilization of various Stadia built during Asiad 1982 also falls under its responsibility.

In 1987 the erstwhile Society for National Institute of Physical Education and Sports (SNIPES) consisting of NSNIS Patiala and its Centres and the two Physical Education Colleges, namely Lakshmibai National College of Physical Education (LNCPE), located at Gwalior and Thiruvananthapuram, respectively were merged with SAI so as to adopt an integrated approach towards promotion and development of sports consciousness. Subsequently, the LNCPE, Gwalior was delinked from SAI in 1995 after attaining the status of 'Deemed University' (Named as Lakshmibai National Institute of Physical Education)

GENERAL BODY & GOVERNING BODY OF SAI

As per Memorandum of Association and Rules of SAI, Government of India constitutes Members of the Society (General Body) and the Governing Body of SAI. The Governing Body and the General Body were reconstituted vide MYAS order dated July 17, 2006 and February 9, 2007 respectively. The lists of members of the Governing Body and the Society are given at **Annexure – I & II**, respectively.

The **Society** is headed by the Hon'ble Prime Minister as its ex-officio President and the Union Minister Incharge of Youth Affairs & Sports is the Vice-President of the Society.

The **Governing Body** of SAI is headed by the Union Minister of Youth Affairs & Sports and the Union Minister of State for Youth Affairs & Sports is its Vice-Chairman.

During the year, the meetings of the Governing Body were held on August 7, 2007 and Jan. 11, 2008 under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister for Youth Affairs & Sports.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF SAI

- To promote and broad-base sports in the country.
- To implement schemes/programmes for achieving excellence in sports in different disciplines at international level in order to establish India as a major sporting power.
- To maintain and utilize on behalf of the Government, stadia which were constructed/renovated for the IXth Asian Games held in 1982.
- To act as an interface between the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports and other agencies concerned with the promotion/development of sports in the country on the other hand State Govt., U.T. Administration, IOA, National Sports Federations, Sports Control Boards, Industrial Houses etc.
- To establish, run, manage and administer the institutions to produce high calibre coaches, sports scientists and physical education teachers.
- To plan, construct, acquire, develop, take over, manage, maintain and utilize sports infrastructure and facilities in the country.
- To initiate, undertake, sponsor, stimulate and encourage research projects related to various sports sciences for upgradation of sports, sportspersons and coaches.
- Other incidental issues concerning promotion, development and excellence in sports.

ORGANISATIONAL SET UP

Director General is the Principal Executive Officer of SAI assisted by Secretary, Executive Directors and Heads of Academic Institutions and Regional Centres/Sub-centres. A chart giving details of the Organizational Set-up is placed at **Annexure – III**.