To

1. The Secretary,
   Department of Youth Affairs & Sports,
   (All States and U.T.s)

2. The President/Secretary General,
   (All recognized National Sports Federations)

3. The President/Secretary General,
   Indian Olympic Association,
   B-29, Qutub Institutional Area,
   New Delhi.

4. Director General,
   Sports Authority of India,
   New Delhi.

5. All Previous Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Awardees

Sub: Inviting nominations for Dronacharya Award for 2013.

Sir,

I am directed to invite the nominations for the prestigious Dronacharya Awards 2012 for outstanding and meritorious work on a consistent basis by coaches in the field of sports to enable sportsperson to excel at international level.

2. To be eligible for the award, a coach should fulfill eligibility conditions mentioned in paras 5.1 to 5.4 of the Scheme (copy enclosed). It may be noted that out of 5 awards, 2 awards are earmarked for lifetime contribution in coaching. For this category, achievements of the coach in producing outstanding sportspersons over a period of his/her lifetime will be taken into account.

3. The nominations for the award must be sent in the prescribed proforma (copy enclosed) duly signed by Secretary in-charge of Sports of State Governments/ U.T.s, President/ Secretary General of National Sports Federation and President/Secretary General of Indian Olympic Association so as to reach the office of Under Secretary (SP-IV), Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Room No.15, 'C' Wing, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi-110001 by the last date for receipt of nominations, i.e., 30th April 2013.
4. Applications, which are not in the prescribed proforma, or not signed by the authorized signatory or are incomplete, shall not be considered for the award.

5. The National Sports Federations recognized by the Government of India, Indian Olympic Association and the State/UT Governments may nominate more than one and up to three eligible coaches in a particular sport/discipline. In case more nominations are made, only first 3 nominations will be considered.

6. In addition to the existing sponsoring authorities/agencies, Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Awardees of the previous years can also nominate one eligible coach each for Dronacharya Award. Further, Director General, Sports Authority of India can also nominate up to three eligible coaches for this award.

7. It should be noted by all and all concerned should be informed that canvassing in any respect by an entry will render that entry liable to disqualification.

8. A copy of the scheme is enclosed for necessary information.

9. It is needless to emphasize that this is a national level award in recognition of the service rendered by an outstanding coach in bringing pride and glory to the country. Therefore, it is expected that the concerned authorities will make meticulous efforts to recommend the best among many outstanding available.

Yours faithfully,

(S.P.S Tomar)
Under Secretary to the Government of India
Tel No. 23073206
Room No. 15 – ‘C’ wing,
Shastri Bhawan,
New Delhi.
FORM OF APPLICATION FOR DRONACHARYA AWARDS

Affix a recent passport size photograph of the nominee

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Recommendation from State Government/National Sports Federation/India Olympic Association etc

1. We recommend that Shri/Km/Smt. ........................... son/daughter/wife of Shri ................................. may be awarded the Dronacharya Award for Outstanding Coaches in Sports and Games for the year .................................

2. Certified that the particulars mentioned above are correct.

3. Certified that nominee is clear from vigilance/disciplinary angles and is not involved in acts of criminal and moral turpitude nature. In case of coaches employed with Central Government/State Governments/PSUs or in private organizations, a requisite report has been obtained from the concerned employer before certifying that the coach being nominated is clear from vigilance/disciplinary angle and is not involved in any act of criminal or moral turpitude nature.

Signature of President/Secretary General Of the Federation/Associations/Head of the Institute, State/UTs

Name:
Designation:
Address
Telephone No./FAX No.

Official Seal

Undertaking

That I have carefully read the provisions of the Scheme for the Dronacharya Award for Outstanding Coaches in Sports and Games and hereby accept all its provisions.

(Signatures of the applicant coach)
Name and discipline

Note: The undertaking should be signed by the applicant.
Scheme for Dronacharya Award For Outstanding Coaches In Sports And Games (Amended as on 25th March 2010)

1. PREAMBLE

The scheme may be called the "Scheme for Dronacharya Award for Outstanding Coaches in Sports and Games".

2. OBJECTIVES

The Award is intended to:

(i) Honour coaches who have done outstanding and meritorious work on a consistent basis and enabled sportspersons to excel in international events; and

(ii) Motivate coaches to dedicate themselves with a singularity of purpose of raising the standard of sportspersons to highest performance in international events and thus bring glory to the country.

3. DEFINITIONS

In this scheme, unless the context otherwise requires,

(a) "Scheme" means the Scheme for the Dronacharya Award for outstanding coaches in sports and games.
(b) "Committee" means the Selection Committee constituted under the Scheme.
(c) "Award" means the Dronacharya Award.
(d) "Chairperson" means chairperson of the Selection Committee under the Scheme.
(e) "Government" means the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.
(f) "Olympian" means a sportsperson who participated in the Olympic Games as a Member of Indian Contingent approved by the Government of India.
(g) "Arjuna Awardee" means a person who has been awarded an Arjuna Award by Government of India.
(h) "Sports Administrator" means a person who is engaged in management/administration of national/international sports events, sports organizations including private sports academies, sports programmes and delivery of sports services.

4. SPORTS DISCIPLINES COVERED BY DRONACHARYA AWARD

The Dronacharya Awards shall be given to eligible coaches who produce outstanding results in:

a) different Olympic sports disciplines;

b) Such non-Olympic sports disciplines as are recognized by the Government of India in the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports; and

c) Such indigenous sports as are recognized by Government under extant rules.

5. ELIGIBILITY

5.1 To be eligible for the award, coach, whether he/she works full time or part time as coach he/she should have produced outstanding achievement in the year for which the award is given and consistently very good achievements during the three years previous to the year of
the award. An overall view of value addition by the coach in the outstanding achievements of his/her disciples/trainees will be taken. Nominated coach will have to submit details of periods for which he/she coached the disciple(s) in question against whose performance he/she is seeking the Award. The Ministry reserves the right to seek affidavit from the sportsperson concerned where it is found that more than one coach is claiming credit for achievements of a sportsperson.

5.2 The achievement of a coach to be eligible for the award shall be judged as follows:

(A) Individual Events:

(aa) A coach shall be eligible who produces a sportsperson:

(i) who wins any medal i.e., gold/silver/bronze in the Olympic Games, World Championships, World Cup Tournaments for Olympic disciplines; or
(ii) who wins any medal i.e., gold/silver/bronze in the World Cup or World Championships in non-Olympic disciplines; or
(iii) who creates a world record which is ratified by the concerned international sports federation; or
(iv) who wins two gold medals in either Asian Games or the Commonwealth Games; or
(v) who wins three gold medals in Asian Championships or Commonwealth Championships.

(ab) A National Coach who brings up a contingent of sportspersons which gives in individual events a performance better than, that compared to the previous best as judged by the tally of medals (gold and total) won whether in the Olympic Games, World Championships, Commonwealth Games, Commonwealth Championships, Asian Games and Asian Championships.

(B) Team Events:

A coach shall be eligible if he/she is responsible for training team which win:

(i) Any medal; gold, silver or bronze in the Olympic Games, World Cup or World Championships in Olympic or non-Olympic disciplines,
(ii) provided that the performance is either better or equal to the best performance achieved earlier; or
(iii) 1 gold medals - one in Asian Games and another in Asian Championships held earlier or later;
(iv) 2 gold medals - one in Asian Games and the other in Commonwealth Games held either earlier or later.

5.3 For 2 awards earmarked for lifetime contribution in coaching, eligibility criterion mentioned at 5.1 and 5.2 above will not be applicable. For this category, achievements of the coach in producing outstanding sportspersons over a period of 20 years or more will be taken into account.

5.4 A coach found encouraging or conniving at the use of drugs banned by the International Olympic Committee by a sports person whom he/she is coaching, will not be eligible for the Dronacharya Award.

6. NOMINATIONS

6.1 The nominations for the Award will be invited by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports from all recognized National Sports Federations recognized by the Government of
India, Indian Olympic Association and State/UT Governments in the month of January each year. Last date for the receipt of nominations will be 30th April of the same year. The National Sports Federations recognized by the Government of India; the Indian Olympic Association and the State/UT Governments may nominate more than one and up to three names in a particular year.

6.2 In addition to the existing sponsoring authorities/ agencies, Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Awardees of the previous years can also nominate one eligible coach each for Dronacharya Award. Further, Director General, Sports Authority of India can also nominate up to three eligible coaches for this award.

6.3 Notwithstanding the above, Government reserves the right to make nomination of coaches in deserving cases where no such nominations have been received from the agencies mentioned under the Scheme.

6.4 The nominating authorities are required to certify in the nomination form itself that the nominees are clear from vigilance/disciplinary angles and are not involved in acts of criminal and moral turpitude nature. In case of sportspersons employed with Central Government/State Governments/PSUs or in private organizations, nominating authorities should obtain a requisite report from the concerned employers before certifying that the sportsperson being nominated is clear from vigilance/disciplinary angle and is not involved in any act of criminal or moral turpitude nature.

6.5 The Award will be made in respect of the calendar year for which the application is invited.

6.6 The nominations will be sent to the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports in the prescribed proforma giving the achievements of the coaches in international competitions for the previous three years and for the year of the Award.

7. **SCRUTINY OF NOMINATION**

7.1 All nominations received from the organizations mentioned in para 6.1 and 6.2 will be sent to the Executive Director (TEAMS), Sports Authority of India and concerned National Sports Federations by 15th June who will verify the achievements/performance of all nominated coaches within a maximum period of one month of receipt.

8. **PROCEDURE FOR SELECTION**

8.1 The Award will be decided by a Selection Committee constituted by the Government of India. The Selection Committee will be constituted every year by the government. The Committee will comprise of a Chairperson and fourteen members distinguished in the field of sports as indicated below. The Chairperson must be a sportsperson of eminence. The Director/Deputy Secretary (Sports), Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports will be the Member-Secretary of the Committee.

(i) Sportsperson of eminence

(ii) Olympians of eminence from different discipline

Chairperson

5 Members
(iii) Dronacharya Awardees from different discipline 4 Members
(iv) Sports Administrators 2 Members
(v) Director General, Sports Authority of India Member (Ex-officio)
(vi) Joint Secretary (Sports), Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports Members (Ex-officio)
(vii) (Sports) Deputy Secretary Members- Secretary
     Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports (Ex-officio)

8.2 There should be a minimum two years gap before a member other than ex-officio is re-nominated as chairperson or member in the Selection Committee.

8.3 The Chairperson in consultation with Member-Secretary may constitute panel amongst the members of the Committee to assist the Committee.

8.4 The Chairperson may seek advice of experts in specific sports disciplines wherever necessary.

8.5 Any person directly or indirectly related to a coach nominated for the Awards shall not be eligible to participate in deliberations of the Selection Committee, concerning that coach.

8.6 The Committee will determine its own work procedure.

8.7 The quorum for the meeting of the Committee shall be 75% of the members of the Committee and the Chairperson.

8.8 The Committee shall select the Award winners by consensus failing which by a majority, decision and give its report to the Government of India within one month of reference.

8.9 The Executive Director (Teams), Sports Authority of India will be present at the times of deliberations of the Committee in order to provide information/clarifications, if any, required by the Committee.

8.10 All the selection proceedings will be treated as "Confidential". The Chairperson may take necessary steps in consultation with the Member-Secretary to maintain strict confidentiality of the deliberations and selection made by the Committee.

9. **NUMBER OF DRONACHARYA AWARDS TO BE GIVEN IN A YEAR**

Ordinarily not more than 5 awards could be given in any calendar year. Out of these, 2 will be earmarked for lifetime contribution in coaching.

10. **GENERAL**
10.1 The Award shall comprise of a plaque, a scroll of honour, ceremonial dress, and a cash prize of Rs. 5,00,000/- (Rupees five lakh) which will be presented to the winners at the
function for the presentation of the Award to be held at a place and on a date to be decided by the Government of India.

10.2 No Award will be made for a second time to the same person.

10.3 The Award may be given posthumously if such an occasion arises.

10.4 In order to ensure due diligence in the selection of awardees, the Ministry will make necessary character verification prior to finalizing the names of the awardees. After Selection Committee has made its recommendations, Ministry may ask Sports Authority of India to carry out verification of character and antecedents of the recommended awardees through its regional centres, if need be, by taking help of concerned police authorities.

10.5 At the time of the ceremony in Rashtrapati Bhawan, the awards will be conferred upon the selected awardees, who are present. No person other than the awardees will collect the award and prize money at the Rashtrapati Bhawan. The awardees who are not able to come to receive the award on the National Sports Day, can later receive the same from the Minister-in-Charge for Youth Affairs and Sports.

10.6 The Government of India may cancel or annul the Award of any recipient for specific reasons and, thereupon, the recipient shall be required to surrender the scroll of honour but it shall be competent for the Government of India to restore the Award once the cancellation and annulment has been withdrawn.

10.7 The decision of the Government of India in respect of matters covered by this Scheme and interpretation of the provisions of this scheme shall be final and no appeal shall lie against them.

10.8 A person who is recommended for the Award shall be deemed to have accepted the provisions of the Scheme.

10.9 Canvassing in any form in respect of an entry will render that entry liable to disqualification.

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