

No.F.9-1/2016-SP.I
Government of India
Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports

Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi-110001
Dated : the 22nd March, 2017

To

Shri Sushil Kambampati,
White Rann Content & Services,
KU77AWRS – 6th Floor,
JMD Regent Square,
MG Road,
Gurgaon 122002

Sub: Information sought under RTI Act, 2005 by Shri Sushil Kambampati – regarding.

Sir,

Please refer to your RTI application dated 2nd March, 2017 on the subject mentioned above. It is to inform you that as per the policy of the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, only Indian nationals are eligible to be part of the national team and walk under India Flag. Copies of guidelines issued in this regard on 26/12/2008 and 12/3/2009 are enclosed.

2. The Appellate Authority in the matter is Shri S.P. Hooda, Director (Sports), Room No.520-C, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.

Yours faithfully,



(A.K. Patro)

Under Secretary to the Govt. of India & CPIO

Copy to :-

US, (RTI/PG), (Regn.No.2017/00082 dated 10/3/2017), Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, New Delhi.



Annexure-xxii

BY SPE [unclear]

No F 45 5/2008 SPT
Government of India
Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports
Department of Sports
Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi

Dated 26-12-2008

To

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

The Presidents/Secretary Generals of
All Recognized National Sports Federations.

Sir,

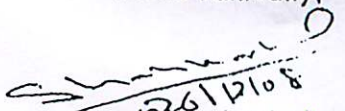
In the matter of Karm Kumar Vs Union of India & Others, the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi has directed Government to review the matter of participation of foreign nationals of Indian origin in the national teams and bring out a uniform national policy in the best interest of sports in the country.

The matter has, in pursuance to the above direction of the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi, been carefully considered after seeking comments of Indian Olympic Association, recognized National Sports Federations and others concerned.

Based on this consultation, an overwhelming view has emerged that the best interest of Indian Sports would be served by ensuring that players who are Indian citizens only represent the country in the National Teams. This would ensure that the limited resources available are invested optimally in building world-class athletes. This would also provide the opportunity of giving international exposure and training to deserving local talent, which would further improve them to world class performance levels. This would also act as an inspiration for budding talent. Finally it would serve the long term interests of the country to emerge as a front runner in the field of sports.

In view of the above, it has been decided that, henceforth only players who are citizens of India would be entitled to receive government support for representing the country in the national teams. Further, the above policy decision would also be applicable in the consideration of proposals for the participation of the national teams in international sports events.

Yours faithfully,


(Shankar Lal)

Under Secretary to the Govt. of India

No.F.45-5/2008-SP-1
Government of India
Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports
Department of Sports

Dated: New Delhi, the 12th March, 2009

To,

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

The President/Secretary Generals of
All Recognized National Sports Federations.

Sub: Government Policy on participation of foreign nationals of Indian origin in national teams.


Sir,

Government vide letter of even number dated 26th December, 2008 has laid down the national policy on the above mentioned subject.

2. A question has arisen in respect of persons who are not Indian citizens as to whether the policy only restricts government support to them for participating in national teams or altogether makes them ineligible to participate in national teams.

3. As already stated in para 3 of the letter referred to above and for the reasons mentioned in the said letter, it is clarified that just as financial support from government is restricted to Indian Nationals only, the inclusion of players in the national teams is also restricted to Indian nationals only. In other words, only Indian nationals are eligible to be part of the national team and walk under the Indian Flag.

Yours faithfully,


(Shankar Lal)

Under Secretary to the Government of India