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NOTIFICATION

Section 49 of the West Bengal Correctional Services Act, 1992 provides for correctional activities for the inmates in the correctional homes of the State. Sub Section (1) of the said Section speaks of participation of the inmates in indoor and outdoor games, amongst other recreational facilities.

West Bengal Prisoners' Welfare Fund Rules, 2008 as published by the Department of Jails has created 'Prisoners Welfare Fund' for undertaking welfare activities for providing scope of corrections to the Prisoners in the correctional homes by means of different socio cultural, educational and vocational activities and other welfare support.

Sub rule (f) of Rule 6 of the said Rules includes sports as one of the activities to be promoted amongst the inmates in the correctional homes.

Rule 7 of the said Rules creates a Central Executive Committee for management, control and superintendence of the Fund

Rule 10 of the said Rules provides for Circle level Executive Committees for management, control and superintendence of the Fund and the welfare activities at the Circle level.

The State Government had been considering the advisability of formation of "Sports Club for the Residents of Correctional Homes in West Bengal" to coordinate activities related to indoor and outdoor games and sports in the correctional homes. A proposal for formation of such Sports Club was forwarded to the Finance Department of the State Government and received its clearance vide UO Number 4148 dated 10/12/2007.

After considering the provisions in the West Bengal Correctional Services Act, 1992 and the West Bengal Prisoners' Welfare Fund Rules, 2008 and the scope of reformation amongst the inmates of the correctional homes through games and sports activities, the Governor is pleased hereby to notify the following:-

1. There shall be Sport Club, i.e., West Bengal Correctional Home Residents' Sports Club for the benefit of the inmates of correctional homes in the State. The Inspector General of Correctional Services, West Bengal will be the Chairperson of the said Sports Club with its registered office at Alipore Central Correctional Home, Alipore, Kolkata-700027.
2. The Sports Club will be registered under Registration of Societies Act, 1860 and the Chairperson is authorised to take affiliation of different sports bodies within the State for furtherance of its activities. For registration purpose, the Chairperson will prepare the bye-laws and shall get it vetted by the State Government in the Department of Jails.
3. There shall be constituent Sports Clubs at all individual central correctional homes of the State. However, for Sports Clubs at the correctional home level, registration will be given by the Sports Club at the State level only and there will be no separate registration for the constituent Sport Clubs with the Registrar of Societies under Societies Registration Act.
4. The objectives of the Sports Club/s will be the following:-
 - a. Overall physical and mental development of the residents of the correctional homes including the inmates;

- b. Providing support for physical education and physical fitness among the inmates of the correctional homes;
 - c. Developing sports and games infrastructure including infrastructure for physical exercises;
 - d. Providing coaching facilities to identified residents for development of their skills in games and sports;
 - e. Organising sports and games activities within the correctional homes in a systematic manner;
 - f. Organising sports and games competitions inter and intra correctional homes;
 - g. Providing interface with civil society through sports and games activities to promote better understanding between the inmates and the society at large.
5. The objectives will be implemented in a phased manner and in the first year of its functioning, the activities will be restricted within the correctional homes only with inter and intra-correctional home competitions without broader interface with the outside society. Activities will be extended later on the basis of experience gained from the exercise during the first year and with express permission from the State Government in the Department of Jails. Extension of the activities beyond the State of West Bengal too will be considered after one year and in that case also express permission from the Department will be required.
6. The Central Executive Committee for administration of Prisoners' Welfare Fund will act as the Central Executive Committee for the Sports Club. However, the Chairperson of the Central Executive Committee who will act as the Chairperson of the Sports Club as well will have the authority to induct five experts from the sports arena to advise the Committee on the games and sports activities to be promoted at the Correctional Homes and the infrastructure and other facilities required for the same.
7. The Chairperson will also have the authority to form a Working Committee for day to day administration of games and sports activities. The Working Committee, however, will be subject to the overall superintendence and control of the Central Executive Committee.
8. There will be no separate Fund for the Sports Club. However, fund will be made available through Prisoners' Welfare Fund and specifically for the purpose of promotion of sports and games, the Chairperson is authorised to accept contributions from the Government/ Government undertakings, UN bodies, International/National and State level non-government organisations. Acceptance of contributions thus received will be subject to clearance from the Government as and when required as stipulated in the West Bengal Prisoners' Welfare Fund Rules, 2008. No funds will be collected from the inmates of the correctional homes in any form for furtherance of the activities of the Sports Club either at the Central or at the correctional home level.



By order of the Governor

SD/
Additional Chief Secretary
to the Government of West Bengal,
Department of Jails

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- Copy forwarded to
- 1) The Additional Director General of Police & Inspector General of Correctional Services (P) & IG of Ceoorectional Services with a request to take further follow up action in the matter with intimation to the Department form time to time.
 - 2) The PS to MIC, Jails with a request to kindly place it before the Hon'ble MIC

O.S.D. & Ex-officio Deputy Secretary
Department of Jails