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DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS
SHASTRI BHAWAN, NEW DELHI-110 115

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Sub : National Sports Awards viz., Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award, Arjuna Award, Dronacharya Award and Dhyanchand Award.

Ref. : OM Nos. 4-26/2008 SP IV, 4-27/2008 SP IV, 4-29/2008 SP IV and 4-28/2008 SP IV dated 28.1.2009

Dear Sir,

Please refer to OM's cited above (copies enclosed) regarding modifications to the Sports Awards Scheme wherein, inter-alia, it was stated that the awardees would have to be **present in person** to receive the award from the President of India.

2. Kind attention is invited to the following provision of the abovementioned Schemes:

“At the time of the ceremony in Rashtrapati Bhawan, the awards will be conferred upon the awardees, who are present. No person other than the awardees will receive 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 receive the same later from the Minister-in-Charge for Youth Affairs & Sports.”

3. It is reiterated that, in the event of an awardee being unable to attend the award ceremony for compelling reasons, the same shall be intimated to this Ministry well in advance. In case of leave of absence being granted, alternative arrangements will be made for him or her to receive the Award at a later date. It is further clarified that in the event of a sportsperson not giving such prior intimation, the award so conferred would stand withdrawn.

4. You are requested to give wide publicity to the above guidelines and ensure compliance by all concerned.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

Sd/-

(Injeti Srinivas)

The President / Secretary General
IOA/National Sports Federations/Sports Promotion Boards

Copy to : Home Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India, North Block, New Delhi – with a request to consider similar dispensation in respect of Padma Awardees in the field of Sports.

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