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(Department of Sports)

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ORDER

Subject: - Suspension of recognition granted to Table Tennis Federation of India as a National Sports Federation with immediate effect - Reg.

Whereas, the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports has recognized Table Tennis Federation of India (TTFI) as a National Sports Federation (NSF) for the promotion and development of sport discipline of Table Tennis in the country.

2. Whereas the extant framework as applicable to all the National Sports Federations (NSFs) mandates the NSFs to follow healthy management practices, democratic governance, institutional accountability, transparency in administration, proper accounting procedures, transparent athlete selection procedures, accountability, basic universal principles of good governance in sports, holding of elections as per Model Election Guidelines, prevention of age fraud & sexual harassment of women, effective grievance redressal mechanisms and compliance with the directions issued by the Government.

3. Whereas, continued recognition as a National Sports Federation is subject to adherence to the aforesaid legal framework, the Constitution of the Federation and the conditions governing recognition, failing which such recognition is liable to be reviewed, suspended or withdrawn in the interest of sportspersons and orderly administration of the sport.

4. Whereas, this Ministry, after taking into consideration various factors, including the serious concerns regarding the effective functioning of TTFI in accordance with its Constitution and the obligations expected of a recognized National Sports Federation, particularly in relation to athlete welfare, transparency in selection processes, access to competitions, grievance redressal, and the overall administration of the sport, and being of the prima facie view that the continuing differences between the President and the Secretary General, marked by allegations and counter-allegations, had adversely affected institutional decision-making, undermined confidence in the governance structure of TTFI, and had the potential to prejudice the interests of athletes and other stakeholders as well as blemish the country's image in the international sports arena, was constrained to issue a Show Cause Notice dated 30.06.2026 to TTFI. TTFI vide letter dated 07.07.2026 replied to the show-cause notice dated 30.06.2026.



5. Whereas the show-cause notice dated 30.06.2026 issued by the Ministry and TTFI's reply vide letter dated 07.07.2026 has been duly considered in the Ministry in light of the extant guidelines issued by the Ministry from time to time as well as material available with the Ministry.

6. Whereas, upon such examination, it has been observed that although TTFI has sought to explain certain deficiencies, the explanations furnished do not satisfactorily explain the repeated instances of non-compliance with Government directions, deficiencies in institutional functioning and continuing governance concerns noticed by this Ministry.

7. Whereas in the case of appointment of Shri Mahinder Pal Singh as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) by TTFI in an Annual General Meeting (AGM) held on 19.07.2024, the said appointment was in contravention of Ministry's directives dated 28.02.2022 and the said fact was very much within the knowledge of TTFI. Further, TTFI in its reply failed to provide any explanation as to why despite such clear and categorical directives of the Ministry, such appointment was made by TTFI. Further, the purported resignation of Shri Mahinder Pal Singh as CEO was never intimated to this Ministry by TTFI. Although the said appointment subsequently came to an end, the subsequent corrective action does not explain the initial non-compliance and demonstrates failure of the internal governance mechanism of the Federation to ensure adherence to the directions issued by the Ministry.

8. Whereas the explanation furnished by TTFI regarding the non-uploading of the Audited Financial Statements for the F.Y. 2023–2024 and 2024–2025 is unsatisfactory. Although the Financial Statements for F.Y. 2023–2024 were audited on 30.09.2024, they were placed before the General Body for adoption only on 28.01.2026 after an unexplained delay of over 15 months. Similarly, the audited Financial Statements for F.Y. 2024–2025 were not placed before the AGM held on 28.01.2026 for adoption. Further, the delayed uploading of the F.Y. 2023–2024 Financial Statements on the TTFI website only in June 2026 remains unexplained. These cumulative lapses reflect a lack of transparency and accountability in TTFI's financial governance and such opacity undermines the fundamental basis of public trust and statutory accountability expected of an NSF receiving public funds and operating under regulatory oversight.

9. Whereas, the material placed on record further establishes that the continuing differences between the President and the Secretary General had ceased to remain merely personal disagreements and had materially affected the institutional functioning of the Federation. It is explicitly clear from the minutes of EC meeting dated 10.12.2024 wherein, both the President and Secretary General while admitting to rift between them expressed their resentment regarding not taking each other into confidence while taking decisions concerning TTFI. It is also borne out from the documents provided by TTFI that the differences amongst the highest officer bearers of TTFI were also affecting the policy decision making of TTFI. The said fact also gets furthered from an observation made by the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi in W.P (c) No. 1680/2026 titled as "Kamlesh Mehta Vs. Table Tennis Federation of India & Ors.", "The Court cannot, shut its eyes to the aforementioned allegations being made by two highest office bearers of an NSF against each other, and having prima facie two factions within the federation, each fighting for control, power, and influence, with sports, sports-persons, and the nation taking the backseat."



10. Whereas in regard to the constitution of a Grievance Redressal Committee/Dispute Redressal Committee, TTFI in its reply has relied upon an internal communication with its members through email, however, the procedure adopted by TTFI for establishment of such committees has not been explained. Moreover, a perusal of the minutes of the AGM held on 17.09.2023, it is not expressly clear that the decision regarding constitution of such committees was ever taken in the said AGM. The Ministry's selection policy dated 05.03.2025 clearly mandates putting a mechanism in place for redressal of grievances of the athletes related to selection. Thus, the said act on the part of TTFI defies the Ministry's selection policy which mandates the establishment of a transparent, duly constituted, and effective grievance redressal mechanism for athletes, thereby undermining the objective of ensuring fairness, accountability, and procedural transparency in the selection process.

11. Whereas the selection policy of TTFI, as framed on 09.05.2023 as well as on 14.07.2026 is in clear violation of the Ministry's policy dated 05.03.2025, wherein some fundamental contraventions have been observed, which not only raises concerns about fairness in the selection criteria put in place by TTFI but at the same time is also disadvantageous and puts restriction on some meritorious athletes who are regularly participating at the international circuit and having better world rankings. The released selection policy, being the only selection policy in force does not address selection criteria for mega sporting events such as the Olympics or Asian Games, notwithstanding that the qualification pathways for these events differ significantly. Moreover, no mechanism has been provided in the TTFI's selection policies concerning redressal of the athlete's grievances related to selection.

12. Whereas holding of post of Treasurer for a longer period of more than 18 months by an interim Treasurer viz., Shri Raju Duggal nominated by TTFI pursuant to resignation of Shri Nagendra P. Reddy from the said post in the month of March, 2024 on the directives of this Ministry raises serious concerns regarding the effective functioning of TTFI in accordance with its Constitution and the obligations expected of a recognized NSF particularly in view of its failure to fill the vacancy through the prescribed electoral process within a reasonable time, thereby undermining the principles of democratic governance, institutional accountability, and transparency envisaged under the applicable regulatory framework.

13. Whereas during the examination of the documents provided by TTFI, it has been observed that in the AGM meeting held on 28.01.2026 chaired by the President some individuals have been nominated as members in Executive Committee (EC) by TTFI which is totally in contradiction with the Ministry's guidelines as individuals can become members of EC only by election and they cannot be nominated in EC as members. Thus, the said act of TTFI is in violation of the Ministry's guidelines governing the constitution of the EC and raises serious concerns regarding the legality, transparency and democratic functioning of the Federation.

14. Whereas, this Ministry has also considered whether the deficiencies noticed could adequately be addressed through issuance of further advisories or directions. However, the material available on record demonstrates repeated instances of non-compliance despite earlier interventions of the Ministry, subsequent corrective action only after such intervention in certain matters and continuing impairment of the institutional governance structure of TTFI. This Ministry is, therefore, of the considered view that continuation of



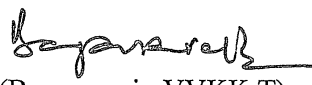
the present governance arrangement is likely to prejudice the interests of athletes and the orderly administration of the sport and that a lesser regulatory measure would not adequately address the prevailing situation.

15. Now, therefore, after careful consideration of the show cause notice dated 30.06.2026, the reply submitted by the Table Tennis Federation of India (TTFI) vide letter dated 07.07.2026, the material available on record, and the cumulative effect of the aforementioned acts of omission and commission, this Ministry is satisfied that TTFI has failed to adhere to the principles of good governance, transparency, accountability and democratic functioning expected of a recognized National Sports Federation, besides repeatedly disregarding the directions and guidelines issued by this Ministry from time to time. The continued governance deficiencies and institutional failures have adversely affected the effective administration of the Federation and have the potential to prejudice the interests of athletes and the sport of Table Tennis in the country.

16. Now therefore, accordingly, in exercise of the powers conferred under the National Sports Development Code of India, 2011 and other extant regulations, the Ministry hereby suspends, with immediate effect, the recognition granted to the Table Tennis Federation of India (TTFI) as the National Sports Federation for the sport of Table Tennis, until further orders. During the period of suspension, TTFI shall not be entitled to any financial assistance, official patronage, or any other benefits accruing from recognition as a National Sports Federation.

17. Whereas, consequent upon the suspension of recognition of TTFI and in order to safeguard the interests of athletes, ensure continuity in the administration of the sport and facilitate uninterrupted participation of Indian sportspersons in national and international competitions, this Ministry has decided to request the Indian Olympic Association (IOA), being the National Olympic Committee recognized by the International Olympic Committee, to take appropriate steps, in consultation with the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF), for constituting an appropriate interim mechanism, including an Ad-Hoc Committee, in accordance with the applicable constitutional and regulatory framework governing the sport of Table Tennis, till such time a duly compliant governance structure is restored in TTFI.

This issues with the approval of the competent authority.


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1. President, Indian Olympic Association- with a request to constitute an Ad-hoc Committee as stated at Para No. 17.
2. Director General, Sports Authority of India
3. Director, Passenger Marketing, Traffic Commercial, Railway Board, Rail Bhawan, New Delhi
4. DIR (CDN), DIR (GOV-I), DIR (OIR), DS (Welfare), DS (AB), DS (CB), DIR (KI)
5. CEO (TOPS), SAI/DDG (TEAMS), SAI
6. Technical Director, NIC with the request to upload the letter on the website of the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports

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