भारतीय खेल प्राधिकरण
SPORTS AUTHORITY OF INDIA

File No. SAI/TD/AIFF/U-23/F.EXPO/2025-26 **Date: 07.10.2025**

Administrative Sanction No. 56.

To,

The President/Secretary General
All India Football Federation (AIFF)

Sub: - Participation of the Indian U-23 Senior Men Football Team for participating in the AFC U-23 Asia Cup 2026 Qualifiers held at Qatar from 29/08/2025 to 10/09/2025.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the proposal regarding participation of **Indian U-23 Senior Men Football Team** for participating in the **AFC U-23 Asia Cup 2026 Qualifiers held at Qatar from 29/08/2025 to 10/09/2025** consisting of **31 Members (23 Athletes + 08 Coaches & Support Staff) (Cost to Govt.).** In this connection it is conveyed that **ex-post facto approval** for the above-mentioned participation has been approved by the Competent Authority.

A. List of Athletes are as follows: -

S.No.	Name of the Team Member	Recommendation
1	Sahil Harijan	Cost to Govt
2	Harsh Arun Palande	Cost to Govt
3	Soham Varshneya	Cost to Govt
4	Shivaldo Singh	Cost to Govt
5	Mohammed Sanan	Cost to Govt
6	Muhammad Suhail F	Cost to Govt
7	Mohammed Aimen K	Cost to Govt
8	Lalrinliana Hnamte	Cost to Govt

S.No.	Name of the Team Member	Recommendation
9	Vinith Venkatesh	Cost to Govt
10	Mohd Arbaz	Cost to Govt
11	Subham Bhattacharya	Cost to Govt
12	Lalremtluanga Fanai	Cost to Govt
13	Ayush Dev Chhetri	Cost to Govt
14	Pramveer	Cost to Govt
15	Sahil	Cost to Govt
16	Vibin Mohanan	Cost to Govt
17	Ricky Meetei Haobam	Cost to Govt
18	Bikash Yumnam	Cost to Govt
19	Parthib Sundar Gogoi	Cost to Govt
20	Muhammed Saheef Ap	Cost to Govt
21	Sreekuttan M S	Cost to Govt
22	Macarton Louis Nickson	Cost to Govt
23	Dipeshchauhan	Cost to Govt

A. Details of Coaches/Support Staff:

S. No	Name	Designation	Recommendation
1	Chelston Pinto	Support Staff	Cost To Govt.
2	Naushad Moosa	Coach	Cost To Govt.
3	Abhijit Kar	Support Staff	Cost To Govt.
4	Sanjay Kumar	Support Staff	Cost To Govt.
5	Gumpe Rime	Coach	Cost To Govt.
6	Noelan	Coach	Cost To Govt.
7	Mustufa Poonawalla	Support Staff	Cost To Govt.
8	Indresh	Support Staff	Cost To Govt.

1. Section 9 of FC (R) Act, 1976, provides inter – alia that no member of a legislature, office bearer of a political party, judge, Government servant or employee of any corporation shall accept any foreign hospitality without the prior permission of the Central Government. In case, any team member is covered under the above act, he/ she obtains the prior permission from Ministry of Home Affairs before their departure to **Qatar.**
2. As regards foreign exchange required for above participation, **AIFF** is requested to approach authorized dealers for getting the foreign exchange in view of RBI circular No. 41 A.D (M.A. Series) dated 25.1.97.
3. Such of the team – member who might be Central Government Servants are to be treated as on duty (Which include deputation abroad) in respect of the participation by the Departure / Office in which they are employed in teams of Department Personnel & Training O.M. No. 6/1/85-Est. (Pay-1) dated 30.1.1989. **AIFF** should inform their employing Department/ Office accordingly.
4. A report on the visit of the team along with its **performance / achievement** in the above Event may please be sent to TEAMS Division, SAI along with **some action photographs**.
5. Travel Sector: Hometown/Training base - Qatar & Back. In this regard, it is also requested to book tickets through any of the three travel agents viz. (i) M/s Balmer Lawrie & Company Limited (BLCL), (ii) M/s Ashok Travels and Tours (ATT) and (iii) Indian Railways Catering and Tourism Corporation Ltd. (IRCTC), in terms of Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure's OM No. 19024/03/2021 dated 16th June, 2022.
6. This issue with the approval of Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully,

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Sakshi Bandral
Project Officer (TEAMS)

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File No. SAI/TD/AIFF/U-23/F.EXPO/2025-26 **Date: 07.10.2025**

Financial Sanction No. 56.

To,
The President/Secretary General
All India Football Federation (AIFF)

Sub: - Participation of the Indian U-23 Senior Men Football Team for participating in the AFC U-23 Asia Cup 2026 Qualifiers held at Qatar from 29/08/2025 to 10/09/2025.

Sir,

Further to Administrative Approval issued dated 06.10.2025 on the subject mention above. I am directed to convey ex-post facto approval of the financial sanction of Competent Authority, in principle, for the subject International Exposure, as per following break-up of financial assistance and Terms and Conditions: -

Financial Implication: USD=88

No.	HEAD OF EXPENDITURE	TOTAL NO OF UNITS	NO. OF DAYS	RATE	CURRENCY	CURRENCY CONVERSION RATE	AMOUNT (In INR)
1	Insurance (As per actual)	31	1	500	INR	1	15500
2	Travel Details (As per actual)	31	1	80000	INR	1	2480000
3	Extra Baggage (As per actual)	1	1	5000	USD	88	440000
4	OPA*	31	10	25	USD	88	630850
	TOTAL						**35,66,350/-**

***Calculation of OPA:**

Category	No. of Members	Days	Rate (USD)	Conversion Rate (In INR)	% Applicable	Amount (In INR)
Athletes	23	7	25	88	100%	3,54,200
	23	3	25	88	75%	1,13,850
Sub-total (Athletes)						**4,68,050**
Coaches & Support Staff	8	7	25	88	100%	1,23,200
	8	3	25	88	75%	39,600
Subtotal (Coaches & Support Staff)						**1,62,800**
Grand Total						**Rs. 6,30,850/-**

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I am also directed to convey the sanction of Competent Authority for the payment of: -

1. Participation of the Indian U-23 Senior Men Football Team for participating in the AFC U-23 Asia Cup 2026 Qualifiers held at Qatar from 29/08/2025 to 10/09/2025 consisting of 31 Members (23 Athletes + 08 Coaches 7 Support Staff).
2. Expenditure of **Rs. 35,66,350/- (Rupees Thirty-Five Lakhs Sixty-Six Thousand Three Hundred Fifty only**) including airfare, insurance, Excess Baggage and OPA towards participating in the said competition.
3. Out of Pocket Allowance i.e. **Rs. 6,30,850/-@ USD 25 per person per day x Rs. 88 (approx.) for 31 members x 10 days (Rs. 20,350/-- per person)** to be transferred directly to the bank account of each participant towards participating in the said event.
4. The expenditure incurred towards Air fare to be reimbursed to Balmer Lawrie & Co. Ltd./ Ashok Tours & Travels on receipt of bills as per actual.
5. The settlement will be done on receipt of accounts along with duly certified vouchers/invoice duly certified by the CAG empaneled Chartered Accountant after the event is over to TEAMS Division, Sports Authority of India.
6. The amount sanctioned herein will be drawn by the Drawing & Disbursing Officer, Sports Authority of India on the prescribed bill immediately for disbursing the same to grantee through Electronic Clearing System. This grant is of non-recurring nature.
7. The grant is subject to the conditions mentioned below:

   i. The grantee shall maintain subsidiary accounts of the grant received from the Sports Authority of India.

   ii. The grantee shall maintain the register of assets in the prescribed form GFR-12 A. The assets acquired wholly or substantially out of the grant except those declared as obsolete and unserviceable or condemned as per the procedure laid down in the General Financial Rules shall not be disposed off without the prior approval of the Sports Authority of India.

   iii. The grantee shall not divert the grants and entrust execution of the scheme or work concerned to another Institution or Organizations and shall abide by the terms & conditions of the grant. If the grantee fails to utilize the grant, for the purpose for which the same has been sanctioned, the grantee will be required to refund the entire amount of the grant with interest thereon @ 10% per annum.

   iv. The Utilization Certificate in the prescribed form GFR – 12 A disclosing whether the specified, quantified and qualitative targets that should have been reached against the

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amount utilized, were in fact reached and if not, the reasons therefore should be submitted within 30 Days of the completion of the program along with the audited statement of accounts. The UC should be checked and signed by the Chartered Accountant with reference to the initial and subsidiary accounts of the grant to be maintained by the grantee as per GFRs.

v. The performance-cum-achievement report in respect of the above event for which the grant has been sanctioned should be forwarded to the TEAMS DIVISION, Sports Authority of India with a copy to Government Observer within one week of the completion of event.

vi. That some photographs of the events, i.e. events, medal winners etc. with sample invitation cards for opening and closing ceremony and copies of newspaper clippings related to the event preferably in National and Regional dailies be sent to this office along with performance-cum-achievement report.

vii. That the amount in INR will be subject to the actual rate of Foreign Exchange on the date of payment by the Federation. The difference, if any, in INR will be adjusted.

viii. There is no reason to believe that the grantee is involved in corrupt practice.

ix. That no advertisement of Tobacco and Liquor will be displayed during the event, the breach of which entails the cancellation of grant.

x. Amount of grant should be utilized only for the purpose for which it is sanctioned and unspent balance of grant shall be refunded by the grantee institution immediately after conclusion of the event.

xi. The grantee should maintain separate accounts for the grants released by the Sports Authority of India. The accounts of the amount so paid to the grantee shall be open to check by an officer deputed by Sports Authority of India or the Government in addition to other statutory authorities to ensure proper utilization of the funds and that no profits are earned out this.

xii. The grantee shall also submit consolidated accounts of the grants received from other Ministries/Departments/State Governments for detailed checking by the Sports Authority of India, in addition to the separate annual accounts on the activities implemented with the grants released by the Sports Authority of India.

xiii. The grant is further subject to the conditions laid down in General Financial Rules as amended from time to time.

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xiv. The fact the program is sponsored by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports/ Sports Authority of India should be prominently highlighted and displayed while inviting people and holding functions/programs/events etc.

xvi. When the Sports Authority of India/Government of India/State Government has reasons to believe that the sanctioned money is not being utilized for the approved purposes, the payment of the grant will be stopped. If the reply to the show cause notice is not satisfactory, the earlier grant will be recovered with interest as mentioned in Clause III above.

xvii. The grantee institution or organization should exercise reasonable economy in the working of the approved projects.

xviii. As per GFR-212(1), the accounts of grantee institution or organization shall be opened to inspection by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports/Sports Authority of India and audit, both by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India under the provision of CAG (DPC) Act, 1971 and Internal Audit of Sports Authority of India, New Delhi, whenever the grantee is called upon to do so.

xix. The above sanction has been issued under the powers delegated to the Director General/Secretary/Executive Director of Sports Authority of India. It is certified that the grant being released is in conformity with the rules and regulations of the scheme as approved by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports.

8. Travel Sector: Hometown/Training base – Competition Venue & Back. In this regard, it is requested to book Air ticket through any of the three travel agents viz. (i) M/s Balmer Lawrie & Company Limited (BLCL), (ii) M/s Ashok Travels and Tours (ATT) and (iii) Indian Railways Catering and Tourism Corporation Ltd. (IRCTC).

This issue with the approval of Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully,

(Sakshi Bandral)
Project Officer (TEAMS)

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