Date: 27.02.2026

Administrative Sanction -84/Foreign Exposure/2025-26

Subject: Financial Assistance for participation of the Indian Women's Football Team in the AFC Women's Asian Cup 2026 in Australia from 28th Feb-22nd March 2026.

Reference is invited to the above-mentioned subject and to say that Administrative Sanction towards participation of Indian Women's Football Team in the AFC Women's Asian Cup 2026 in Australia from 28th Feb-22nd March 2026 team comprising of 27 Members (21 Athletes, 06 Coaches & Support Staff).

The details of team members are as follows:

S.No.	Name of the Players
1.	Elangbam Panthoi Chanu
2.	Sowmiya Narayanasamy
3.	Shreya Hooda
4.	Sweety Devi Ngangbam
5.	Shilky Devi Hemam
6.	Juli Kishan
7.	Martina Thokchom
8.	Nirmala Devi Phanjoubam
9.	Sanju
10.	Astam Oraon
11.	Sangita Basfore
12.	Babina Devi Lisham
13.	Anju Tamang
14.	Grace Dangmei
15.	Jasoda Munda
16.	Rimpa Haldar
17.	Malavika
18.	Pyari Xaxa
19.	Lynda Kom Serto
20.	Sarita Yumnum
21.	Aveka Singh

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S.No.	Name of the Coaches and Support Staff	Designation	SAI Recommendation
1.	Amelia Valverde Villalobos	Head Coach	**No Cost to Govt**
2.	Priya P.V.	Coach	Cost to Govt
3.	Crispin Chettri	Assistance Coach	Cost to Govt
4.	Mario Aguiar	Goalkeeper Coach	Cost to Govt
5.	Sayli Shinde	Physiotherapist	Cost to Govt
6.	Lalthutiamngheti	Masseur	Cost to Govt
7.	Ankita Pandurang Pawar	Masseur	Cost to Govt
8.	Joy Gabriel M	Video Analyst	**No Cost to Govt**
9.	Jose Alberto Sanchez Salazar	Fitness Coach	**No Cost to Govt**
10.	Javier Eli Avila Garro	GK Coach	**No Cost to Govt**

1. As per the provisions scheme, the admissible assistance would be provided for the above team members.
2. Section 9 of FC (R) Act, 1976, provides inter-alia that no Member of a legislature, office bearers of a political party, Judge, Government Servant or employee of any Corporation shall accept any foreign hospitality without prior permission of the Central Government. In case, any team member is covered under the above Act, he/she should obtain the prior permission from Ministry of Home Affairs before his/her departure to **Australia**.
3. Such of the team-members who might be Central Government Servants are to be treated as on duty (which include deputation abroad) in respect of this participation by the Department/Office in which they are employed in terms of Department of Personnel & Training O.M. No. 6/1/85-Estt. (Pay-I) dated 30.1.1989. The Federation should inform their employing Department/Office accordingly.
4. It is requested that High Commission/Embassy of India at **Australia** and organizers of the event may please be informed by fax/email of the travel plans and itinerary of the team for participation in the above event. The team members may be advised to call on the Mission for exchange of view.
5. A **Technical report** on the visit of the team along with its **Performance/Achievement** in the above event may please be sent to this Ministry/ SAI within 07 days of the return of the team to India along with some action photographs, if possible.
6. Before departure, a report on dope test of the team members may please be obtained from DG, NADA New Delhi.

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7. Travel Sector: **Sydney to India**, 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. Further, the tickets have to be booked immediately on receipt of the sanction.

This issue with the approval of Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully,

(Naveen Kumar)
Project Officer

To,

President/Secretary General
All India Football Federation (AIFF)

Copy to:

1. DG, NADA
2. ED (TEAMS)/CEO (TOPS), SAI HQ, New Delhi.
3. SDO, TEAMS
4. DDO (TEAMS & TOPS & TAGG)
5. Media Division, SAI HQ, New Delhi.
6. Sanction folder of TEAMS Division

Date: 27.02.2026

Financial Sanction -84/Foreign Exposure/2025-26

Subject: Financial assistance under ANSFs towards participation of the Indian Women's Football Team in the AFC Women's Asian Cup 2026 in Australia from 28th Feb-22nd March 2026.

Further to the Administrative approval 27.02.2026 on the above subject. I am directed to convey the **Financial Sanction** of Competent Authority, in principle, for the subject International Exposure, as per following break-up of financial assistance and Terms & Conditions:

2. Financial Implications of Players and Coaches & Support Staff are as follows:

S.NO.	HEAD OF EXPENDITURE	TOTAL NO OF UNITS	NO. OF DAYS	RATE	CURRENCY	CUR. CON. RATE	AMOUNT (In Rupees)
1	Travel (Home-Competition Venue and back)	27	1	60000+10000	INR	1	1890000
2	Out of Pocket Allowance (OPA-1)	27	7	25	USD	91	429975
	Out of Pocket Allowance (OPA-2)	27	7	18.75	USD	91	322481.25
	Out of Pocket Allowance (OPA-3)	27	9	12.50	USD	91	276412.5
Total OPA		10,28,868.75/27 Members= 38,106.25 Per member. Round off to Rs. 38,106 X 27 Members= 10,28,862					
3	Insurance	Team is already in Australia for foreign Training Camp and Friendly matches. In view of this, no overseas insurance is needed.					
4	Extra Baggage	21	1	5000	INR	1	105000
Total							**Rs. 30,23,862/-**

1. I am also directed to convey the approval of competent authority to sanction the amount of **Rs. 30,23,862/- (Thirty Lakh Twenty Three Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty Two only**) towards participation in the said Championship.
2. OPA of the total amount of **Rs.10,28,862/-(@38,106 per head)** to 27 members for participation of Indian Women's Football Team in the AFC Women's Asian Cup 2026 may be released directly to their bank accounts.

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3. Final Settlement/Reimbursement of the account will be done on receipt of UC/bills & Vouchers.

4. Booking of Air Tickets (27 Members) will be booked by AIFF through the Government authorized travel agent from India (Domestic) – Australia and back and the payment towards Airfare & Insurance will be directly released to the Govt. authorized agency after receiving the bill/ voluchers for the same with the **ceiling limit of Rs. 70,000 per member**.

5. 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.

6. The grant is subject to the conditions mentioned below:

   a. The grantee shall maintain subsidiary accounts of the grant received from the SAI.

   b. 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.

   c. 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.

   d. 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.

   e. 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.

   f. 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.

   g. The grantee shall also submit consolidated accounts of the grants received from other Ministries/Departments/State Government/Private agencies if any, 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.

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

   i. The fact the programme 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/programmes/events etc. 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 "d" above.

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

   k. As per GFR 2017- 236(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.

7. The grantee should ensure that all the payment made through PFMS and the relevant portion also to be uploaded into the DBT portal.
8. The above sanction has been issued under the powers delegated to the ED TEAMS 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.
9. 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), in terms of Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure's OM No. 19024/03/2021 dated 16th June, 2022. Further, the tickets have to be booked immediately on receipt of the sanction.
10. This issue with the approval of Competent Authority.

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