

Fair Recreational Activity and non Competitive Involvement in Sports, Urban Connect Scheme 2013.

In Short: **F.R.A.N.C.I.S URBAN CONNECT SCHEME 2013**

A scheme of Assistance for the use of urban spaces for Recreation and Sport.

Preamble:

Urbanisation has caused deprivation of open spaces to the urban communities who predominantly stay in apartment blocks. For the rural kid, the environment around itself is a playground. But for the Urban counterpart, the opportunity of exposure to air and sunshine is slowly vanishing. Due to confinement in the apartment s, the kids while away their time on video games, TV viewing, mobile phones and Internet. The impairment of their health as a result is a cause of concern.

The Government understands the limitations of urban communities in getting access to safe spaces for sport and recreation. Many of the town schools do not have any Playgrounds to impart physical education or conduct sports activity. Those schools that do have spaces do not have the resources to develop the facilities and share it with the less fortunate.

To meet this situation and inculcate a strong sports, fitness and recreational culture in the development of the local urban communities, the Government through this scheme intends to connect with the Urban population by providing assistance in developing safe Play areas . This Scheme shall operate within the provisions of the Integrated Development of Major Towns Scheme (IDMT).

2. Definitions;

- (a) Beneficiary; An entity that receives any assistance under the scheme.
- (b) Department: The Department of Urban Development
- (c) Director: Director of the Dept of Urban Development
- (d) F.R.A.N.C.I.S: Fair Recreational Activity and non competitive involvement in Sport
- (e) Government: Government of Goa
- (f) Nodal Agency: The Goa State Urban Development Agency
- (g) Nodal Officer: The Member Secretary of the Goa State Urban Development Agency.

(h) Open Space: Any ground, open space of a sub Division, which is open to the sky and belongs to the beneficiary.

(i) Safe Play Areas : Open Spaces developed for permissible activities

3. Objectives;

To provide safe play areas for healthy Recreation and Sports to the Urban communities accessible within a distance of not more than 3 kms

4. Scope:

There are 14 Municipal Bodies in the state. In addition to the councils themselves, there are several schools, colleges, Registered Sports Clubs, Registered housing Societies and other Registered bodies espousing the cause of Physical fitness and Sport who shall be eligible to be beneficiaries under the scheme.

5. Eligibility;

The following entities owning land not less than 2000sq meters within the Municipal jurisdiction shall be eligible for the benefit under this scheme.

- (a) Local Municipal body
- (b) Schools, colleges or such other institutions.
- (c) Registered Sports Clubs,
- (d) Registered housing Societies
- (e) Other Registered bodies espousing the cause of Physical fitness and Sport.

Provided that an applicant whose land falls in any of the peripheral Panchayat jurisdiction may be considered as eligible

6. Application:

An applicant shall submit an application for benefit as prescribed in Annexure I

7. Permissible Activities:

- (a) Walking Track
- (b) Volleyball Court
- © Basketball Court *

- (d) Athletics Track of length 200 meters *
- (e) Football Field of Dimension of 30X40 meters *
- (f) Hockey field of dimension of 40X20 meters *
- (g) Artificial Rock climbing Wall.
- (h) Tennis Court.

(* Dimension may vary depending on the land availability)

Multipurpose use of the surfaces may be permissible subject to feasibility

In addition to the above , Changing Rooms for Men and women, Toilet block , Storage space for equipment , illumination, Mild Steel fencing , and such other requirements as may in the opinion of the Nodal Officer be essential ,shall also be permitted.

With a view to maintain focus on the official Sport of Goa, Football shall get preference for FIFA approved synthetic turfs.

If in the opinion of the Nodal Agency scope exists for laying IAAF and FIH approved synthetic surfaces for Athletics and Hockey, it may be considered.

The Nodal Agency may consider segmenting the users into working mothers, retired persons, adults and children including physically challenged, to meet their specific need of recreation and sport. So also value additions may be introduced in the form of providing a reading space, skill promotion such as painting, photography, origami etc.

8. M.O.U;

Every Beneficiary shall enter into a M.O .U with the Nodal Agency on the following approach.

- (a) Generally free access to non formal facilities
- (b) Affordable Pay and Play Schemes
- (c) Availability of Coaching facilities
- (d) Encouraging corporate sponsorships
- (e) Encouraging PPP model of development for future sustainability
- (f) Establish Linkage with the respective local Sports Association

9. Nodal Agency Responsibility:

- (a) Draw feasibility report, Design, Build and transfer to the Beneficiary
- (b) Create a sound management structure for the Management of the facility:

© Carry out periodic community impact studies not later than a period of 2 years

10. Funding;

The Government through the Nodal Agency shall provide for funding under the scheme as follows;

A Class Municipal Councils /..... upto Rs. 3.0 Crores

Corporation

B Class Municipal Councils.....upto Rs. 2.5 Crores

C Class Municipal Council.....upto Rs. 1 Crore.

11. Scrutiny Committee:

The Director shall appoint a scrutiny committee to scrutinize and recommend each case to the Nodal Officer who in consultation with the Chairman of the Nodal Agency , approve each case for benefit under the scheme.

12. Expert Opinion:

The Nodal Agency may appoint experts in the field of such sports and recreational infrastructure for suitable Designs and building of the Safe Play Areas.

13. Validity.

The Scheme shall be valid for a period of 2 Years from the date of it's publication in the official Gazette .

14. Removal of Difficulties.

In case of any difficulty in the implementation of this scheme, the decision of the Chairman of the Nodal Agency shall final.

The following Annexures form part of the scheme.

Annexure I. Form of Application

Annexure 2. M.O.U

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Ex Officio Addl. Secretary Urban Development

ANNEXURE 1.

FORM OF APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE UNDER THE FAIR RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY AND NON COMPETITIVE INVOLVEMENT IN SPORTS URBAN CONNECT SCHEME (F.R.A.N.C.I.S URBAN CONNECT SCHEME 2013) FOR

CREATION OF SAFE PLAY AREAS

- 1 Name of applicant
- 2 Address along with phone number and email
- 3 Registration details
- 4 Location of the Project with survey nos.
- 5 Area of Land
- 6 Landownership-owned/owned leased
- 7 Proposed facilities to be created
- 8 Details of existing sports facilities, if any
- 9 Ability to Deploy coaches and support staff.
- 10 Justification for the proposal
- 11 Present performance of the applicant in sports and recreation promotion
- 12 Details of discipline-wise infrastructure owned, managed and operated by it
(if any)
- 13 impact of proposed infrastructure on the community development and identification
of new talent, etc
- 14 A self-contained business plan for establishing sustainability of the project, including
meeting of operations and maintenance cost
- 15 Details of existing partnerships, if any
- 16 Management structure for operations of the existing and proposed facilities.

- 17 ACCESS: (Tick applicable)
- (a) Free public access to informal play spaces
 - (b) Affordable pay and play schemes for other facilities
 - (c) Availability of coaching facilities
 - (d) Cross subsidizing model through PPP will be permissible
- 18 PARTNERSHIPS (tick applicable)
- (a) Linkages with local sports associations
 - (b) Business partnerships to enhance financial viability

UNDERTAKING

We undertake to follow a project approach for the proposed infrastructure so as to ensure its proper maintenance and utilization after it is created.

We certify that the information given above is correct. We hereby guarantee that the facilities of the Project will be made available for bonafide purpose to the general public free of cost or on nominal/token payment only.

We also undertake to abide by all conditions and directions of the Nodal Agency and also to submit ourselves to any Audit that the the Nodal Agency may require.

Authorised Signatory

Name & Designation

(with rubber seal)

Signature

Name:

For & on behalf of the Applicant Organisation

Rubber Stamp

ANNEXURE 2

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This Memorandum of Understanding is executed at _____ on _____ day of _____, 2010.

BETWEEN

The Nodal Agency represented by it's Nodal Officer / Authorized officer, hereinafter called as FIRST PARTY.

AND

The Beneficiary organisation through its authorized representative, hereinafter called as SECOND PARTY.

The term FIRST PARTY and SECOND PARTY shall mean and include their respective representatives, assigns, successors in interest etc. unless repugnant to the context.

AND WHEREAS the FIRST PARTY has agreed to provide assistance to the SECOND PARTY by creating new or upgrading/ repairing the existing infrastructure as detailed in the annexure, under the F.R.A.N.C.I.S URBAN CONNECT SCHEME 2013

NOW THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITNESSTH AS UNDER:-

1. The facilities so created/upgraded and the surroundings, including fencing etc. will be maintained and operated by the SECOND PARTY.
2. These facilities shall be used by the members/students of the SECOND PARTY during the functional hours and the SECOND PARTY may encourage the persons residing in the vicinity to utilize the facilities
3. The SECOND PARTY may charge the nominal fee from the users as per the rates approved by the first party
4. The cost of maintenance, equipment, pay perks etc. in respect of coach/staff so employed to smoothly run the facilities shall be borne by the SECOND PARTY from its own resources which could be raised by it in the form of user fees/voluntary contributions etc. as determined on the basis of the norms prescribed in clause 3 above.
5. That the sports facilities created/upgraded under the MoU may be used for the purposes mentioned above on non-commercial basis.
6. The SECOND PARTY will implement the MoU in a manner that the normal functioning of the

organization is not affected in anyway, at any time.

7. That this MoU between the parties shall be effective for five years from the date of execution. The SECOND PARTY shall not alter/dismantle/dispose of any of the assets created under this dispensation during the first five years of operation.
8. All facilities created under this MoU shall always remain in the possession of SECOND PARTY.

THAT all approvals, consents and notices under this MoU shall be in writing and may be served by sending the same by registered post addressed to the FIRST PARTY or SECOND PARTY at its last known place of work under due acknowledgement. Such notice shall also be deemed to be completed in case personally delivered under acknowledgement due, to the office address of the parties hereinafter.

THAT it will be permissible for the FIRST PARTY and/ or its authority and/ or duly authorized representative to visit the sports facilities created under that MoU, to ascertain and verify the bonafide use thereof by and on behalf of the SECOND PARTY.

THAT in case of any dispute and difference arising out of this MoU between the parties herein such dispute shall be referred to the Chairman of the Nodal Agency whose decision shall be final and binding upon the parties.

In witness whereof the parties in the MoU have signed this on _____
day of _____ and at _____ as mentioned
hereinabove in presence of the following witnesses:

Witnesses

1. For and on behalf of FIRST PARTY
2. For and behalf of SECOND PARTY
