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Minutes of the meeting held on 22nd July, 2017 under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Sports) to consider the ACTC proposal of All India Tennis Association (AITA) for the year 2017-18 in the conference room of SAI (adjacent to DG's Room).

Secretary (Sports) chaired the meeting. He welcomed the AITA officials and MoC Members. List of those, who attended the meeting is annexed. MoC members AITA officials, National Observer and others took part in the discussion. Their observations are, incorporated below :-

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1.	Sh. Anil K. Khanna, Life President & Vice- President, International Tennis Federation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Gave an overview of the functioning of AITA including tournaments conducted last year (both domestic and international).➤ More than 800 domestic tournaments were conducted; and 50 international tournaments were held last year.➤ These many competitions require the support of SAI and Ministry.➤ He proposed setting up of a High Performance Tennis Centre, in the premises of DLTA facility.
2.	Secretary (Sports)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ AITA has a structured effort for Junior Development Programme. Under "Khelo India" Govt. is supporting sport academies. Under NSDF Scheme also, academies are supported.❖ For the dedicated High Performance Tennis Center, existing infrastructure at DLTA facility would be appropriate and adequate.❖ SAI schemes also support young talent. Therefore, while identifying young talent, children under SAI schemes could also be considered.❖ Ten (10) Tennis courts in the DLTA facility may be earmarked for training purpose.❖ Selection of coaches and support staff should be world-class and it should be completed on high priority. Remuneration of coaches and support staff would commensurate with their level and experience.❖ A small Committee under National Observer (Tennis) with CEO, AITA & PO, SAI is constituted. The Committee is tasked with the responsibility of taking the project forward, - including talent identification.❖ "In-principle" approval is accorded for the National Observer to lead/head the proposed Centre. DLTA, SAI and Ministry would extend their full support to make the Centre an internationally reputed world-class facility.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ From "Khelo India" budget, Rs. 5.00 cr. would be made available to the Centre; another Rs. 5.00 cr. would be available under ACTC. Additional funding would be considered, as and when necessary. ❖ QR & job description for coaches and support staff may be finalized and published widely in the web-sites of DLTA, SAI, Ministry etc. Recruitment process has to start immediately. ❖ A Management Committee (to meet once in six months or so) and an Executive Committee (to meet frequently) would be set-up immediately to carry out the activities of the Center. attend to their functions. ❖ National School Games to be conducted next year would provide a plat-form for talent identification for AITA.
3.	Sh. Somdev Devverman National Observer (Tennis)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Gave details of the proposed of High Performance Tennis Centre. ✓ Advocated recruitment of best Coaches. ✓ The proposed Centre should have facilities to meet the challenges of injury, nutrition psychology, medical check-up, strengthen & conditioning etc. ✓ There is an urgent need to recruit Head Coaches, Assistant Coaches, Trainer and other support staff. ✓ By December 1, the Centre has to be launched. Recruitment of kids should be over in the next three months. ✓ Contract agreements would be entered into with the kids, after their recruitment.
4.	Shri P. Gopi Chand, MoC Member	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocated execution of contract agreements with the players. • Foreign coaches should be made more accountable. • Foreign coaches should be replaced by Indian coaches over a period of time. • Coaches to decide the number of competitions, the players should participate under the Long-term Athlete Development Plan.

3. The ACTC proposal of AITA was considered earlier on 25th April, 2017. The ACTC Committee requested AITA to revise the proposal based on the discussion that took place on that day and bring it before them again. Accordingly, AITA has submitted the revised proposal in which they have requested Rs. 34.89 cr. including Rs. 20.00 cr. for High Performance Training Center at DLTA facility.

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4. Under ACTC for the year 2017-18, AITA's request is Rs. 15.00 cr. (approx.) (exclusive of budget for High Performance Training Centre). Rs. 5.00 cr. was approved for the proposed training Centre under ACTC for junior development and another Rs. 5.00 cr. from "Khelo India" to start with. The Academy proposal submitted by AITA was approved in principle. It was felt that there is no need for a separate CEO & High-Performance Director. The consensus was that Shri Somdev Devverman should lead for the time being.

5. With respect to ITF Futures tournaments, it was agreed in principle that subject to contribution of AITA and its partners does not fall below last year's level, ACTC can support gap funding up to 1/3rd of the budget required for ITF Futures. This has been necessitated due to increase in Prize Money of ITF Futures. AITA was requested to submit a detailed proposal in this regard. AITA was also requested to submit details of top 50 boys and girls for consideration for support under "Khelo India". All mandatory events will be covered as usual for which Rs. 2.00 cr. was allotted.

6. With this the meeting came to an end with thanks to the Chair.

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