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**Subj: Gratitude for increase in Sports Budget - 2022-23**  
**From CONFEDERATION OF SPORTS AND RECREATION INDUSTRY**

**Hon'ble Minister,**

At the outset, we would like to express our gratitude for the increase in the sports budget in this year's budget. CSRI would also like to acknowledge and laud the Govt for giving an extra boost to 'Khelo India' Programs, encouragement awards and incentive to sports person. Similarly, the increase in National Service Schemes and National Youth Empowerment program is a very encouraging step for the sports ecosystem, which is appreciable.

This will go a long way for the initiative of setting up a 'Taskforce' on AVGC to promote Animation, Visual Effects, Gaming and Comics, to identify newer opportunities and give a fillip to digital/e-sports. CSRI believes that this has the potential to create around 25 lacs jobs in the sector.

While welcoming an increase in overall sports budget, we at CSRI believe that to create a sports eco-system and to get holistic advantage out of it, sports should be **Granted 'Industry' Status** by including sports industry in the **Harmonized List of Infrastructure Sub-sector**.

We would also request for allocation of a **separate budget for the promotion of "Make in India" and "Atmanirbhar Bharat"** in sports.

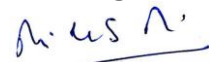
**The General Exemption List No. 45 of 'Sports Goods and Equipments'** must be updated urgently to achieve required objectives. It is our firm belief that recognizing and regularizing **sports betting and lottery** in India will go a long way in generating revenue not only for the central budget but also for the development sports industry, CSRI believes in using sports betting and lottery in India as done in other major sporting nations like USA, China, UK and many more.

We look forward to your continued support for the sports industry and reiterate our gratitude in the Govts' endeavor to support sports and sporting activities to achieve newer heights.

Please find attached, detailed pre-budget memoranda, which has been previously shared with concerned departments.

We would be honored to participate in any suitable manner as part of the proposed task force.

Best Regards



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