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To, Shri Narendra Modi Ji Hon'ble Prime Minister of India Prime Minister's Office South Block, Raisina Hill New Delhi – 110011

Subject: Analysis of India's Performance at Recent Olympics for Your Kind Consideration

Hon'ble Prime Minister Sir,

In recent years, India has achieved unprecedented heights in the field of sports at the Asian, Commonwealth, and World levels. The success of our athletes and the impactful schemes promoted by the Government, such as Khelo India and the Target Olympic Podium Scheme, have significantly contributed to the growth of sports in the country, supported by a substantial increase in funding. This progress has led to heightened expectations from our athletes, and at the recent Paris Olympics, India secured 6 medals and came close to winning 8 more.

Prior to the Olympics, CSRI conducted a survey which was shared with the concerned ministry. The survey indicated that 60% of participants anticipated India winning 10 or more medals. Despite our achievements, there remains potential for even greater success.

Our organization, CSRI, has prepared a detailed analysis of India's performance at the Paris Olympics and has tracked our progress from the 1992 Olympics, where India won no medals, to our current standing. Based on our analysis, CSRI believes India was on the brink of winning a significant number of additional medals.

In light of this, we respectfully request your consideration of the following recommendations:

- 1. **Enhance Micromanagement in Sports Science:** While the contingent was adequately supported with sports science, our athletes could not fully optimize this support due to the absence of micromanagement. Strengthening this aspect could significantly improve performance outcomes.
- 2. **Retrospective Analysis and Future Planning:** We suggest setting up a Special Task Force led by the Hon'ble Minister of Sports and co-chaired by an eminent sportsperson to conduct a thorough retrospective analysis to understand why India

has not yet won 15-20 medals. This Task Force should be mandated to create a Blueprint to draw a roadmap for India to reach a top ten finish by the 2036 Olympics. Members of the Task Force should include representatives from states with a high number of Olympians, such as Haryana, Punjab, Odisha, and Maharashtra, as well as representatives from the top 5 federations along with DG- SAI and President-IOA. Sports Industry associations should also be involved. Special invitees from the Ministries of Finance, Skill Development, Health, Tourism, and Education should also be included.

3. **Establish Long-Term Development Strategies to Expand the Elite Pool by At Least Five Times:** We must establish robust systems and strategies to ensure the stability and long-term development of sports in India, with a focused effort to expand the current elite athlete pool to at least five times its present size.

Attached for your review is the detailed analysis conducted by CSRI.

We trust that the insights provided will be of value and look forward to your esteemed guidance on the way forward.

With highest regards,

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- 1. Shri Mansukh Mandaviya, Hon'ble Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports
- 2. Ms. Raksha Khadse, Hon'ble Minister State for Youth Affairs and Sports
- 3. Mr Vivek Thakur, Chairman, Parliamentary Standing Committee for Education, Women, Children, Youth and Sports (vivek.thakur@sansad.nic.in)
- 4. Ms Sujata Chaturvedi, Secretary, Ministry for Youth Affairs and Sports

Attached:

1. Olympics 2024 Games: Analysis of India's Performance