



Note on Corporate Social Responsibility and Mountaineering Sports

For the development and encouragement to Sports through **Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)** in India, the government has recently amended the provisions of company law. Support for adventure sports/ events / high altitude sports training has been recently covered by the provisions of Company's Act 2013.

Recently Sports Ministry revised RASHTRIYA KHEL PROTSAHAN PURASKAR, Amended as on 12-02-2015.

The Sports Ministry has decided to revise the scheme of Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar, which was introduced to encourage involvement of corporate and sports promotion boards in the development of sports in the country.

According to the revised plan, Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar scheme, which was introduced in 2009, will now be given in four categories: Identification and nurturing of budding talent, Encouragement of sports through **Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)**, Employment of sportspersons and sports welfare measures and Sports for Development.

"In the revised Scheme, eligibility criteria for all four categories have been prescribed. As 'Training to promote rural sports, nationally recognized sports, Paralympic sports and Olympic sports' have been included in the Schedule VII of the Companies Act 2013," the ministry said in a release.

"The companies can now spend on promotion and development of sports from the funds earmarked for **Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)**, a specific category for 'Encouragement of sports through Corporate Social Responsibility' has been provided for in the revised Scheme.

In India, various states are awarding state level awards to mountaineers for their outstanding performance and on national level, central government has various awards namely Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award, Arjun Award for achievements in Mountaineering sports, Padma award for Mountaineering.

The Central Government is also funding various mountaineering institutes namely –

- Nehru institute of Mountaineering, Uttarkashi
- Himalayan Mountaineering Institute, Darjeeling
- Atal Bihari Vajpayee Institute of Mountaineering and Allied sports, Manali
- Javahar Institute of Mountaineering, Pehalgam and few others

Mountaineering is an adventure sports recognized nationally in Indian and it can be very well supported under corporate social responsibilities as per the recent amendments in the Company laws.