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Government of India

MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS

Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi-110001

Dated : the 7th December, 2011

To

1) Pune Chess Association,
566/14/A/2, Kedar Apartments,
Bibavewadi,
Pune-411037

2) Karnataka State Chess Association,
C/o Derik's Chess School, M.G. Road,
Kodialbail,
Mangalore-575003

Sub: Unauthorized holding of Chess Tournament under banner of "National".

Sir,

It is understood that your Organizations is organizing National Level Chess Championship-2011 under the Organization of Chess Association of India, an un-recognized Association at Pune and Managlore respectively.

2. According to the guidelines of the Government of India, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports only one National Level Federation for each discipline of sports is given recognition. Since the Ministry had already given recognition to All India Chess Federation (AICF), with Shri J.C.D. Pranhakar as President, being the National Level Federation responsible for promotion of Chess Sport in the country, no other Federation/Association can organize any tournament of Chess as a National Level Tournament. Moreover, according to the latter dated 5.7.2011 issued by the Ministry (copy enclosed) only a recognized National Sports Federation is entitled to use the expression "of India" or "Indians" in its title and can organize and conduct any officially recognized event, including Annual National championship, for the sport.

3. Keeping in view the position stated above, you are directed to inform the Chess Association of India that you will desist from using the word "India" from the letter head of your Organization and also from organizing any National Level events through your organization. You should also get in touch with the recognized National Sports Federation i.e. All India Chess Federation for further directions, if any.

Yours faithfully,

(Shankar Lal)

Under Secretary to the Govt. of India

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Copy to: Shri Bharat Singh Chauhan, Hony. Secretary, All India Chess Federation, Hall No.70, Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, Chennai.

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