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REIMBURSEMENT OF GRANT IN AID

- 1. Refer to discussions held in your office on 03 Jan 2012 regarding refund of unutilised amount vide this office letter of even number dated 22 Nov 2011.
- 2. The issue of financial impropriety was reported in May 2005 by Cmde (Retd) AS Bajwa, the then HSG of the federation. The basic nature of the offences mostly concerned over-invoicing of coach boat, fuel and transportation charges by teams, as well as excess claim of DA during international participation, details of which have been mentioned in the above quoted letter.
- 3. However, by the time a YAI committee could be constituted to look into these allegations, the finalised audited accounts for these events had already been submitted to the MoYAS for final settlement which were duly approved by the Ministry and balance of Grant in Aid disbursed. Consequent to the inquiry and the decisions taken by the appointed YAI Committees, recoveries were affected from the concerned yachtspersons. Amounts deemed to be incorrectly claimed were returned to the MoYAS vide the letter quoted above.

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- 4. In addition to the above mentioned recoveries, some of the erring personnel were issued letters of caution by the federation. In addition, in the case of Lt Col (Retd) Gautama Dutta, a decision was taken by the YAI General Body in Dec 2007 to terminate his Life Associate Membership of the YAI.
- 5. As brought out during the discussions in your office, consequent to the above incidents being reported, strict guidelines were issued. A copy of revised instructions pertaining to the handling of 'Financial Assistance to Teams Proceeding Abroad' was issued on 30 Mar 2006 and a copy of the same is placed at enclosure. In addition, over the years, several other corrective measures including restructuring of the YAI Council and promulgation of additional checks and balances have been incorporated in our accounting procedures so as to ensure that such incidents are not repeated.

(Monty Khanna) Commodore HSG

Encl : As above