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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **SUBJECT: Government of India accepts the Hindu Brotherhood's demands for Govt to sponsor Indian Army riders for the Asian Games 2023 in China**

The Hindu Raksha Dal welcomes the recent policy decision by the Ministry of Sports to fully sponsor the Indian Army riders, including the hiring of foreign horses and overseas training, for Major Apurva Dabhade and Dafedar Vikas Kumar, the most meritorious qualifiers from India, to participate in the Eventing equestrian discipline of the Asian Games 2023 in Hangzhou, China.

As is well known in equestrian circles, the Chinese Government had maliciously banned the entry of Indian horses into China for the Asian Games 2023, thereby deliberately obstructing the participation of the Indian Army qualifiers: Lt. Col. Ashish Malik, Major Apurva Dabhade, Dafedar Rakesh Kumar, and Dafedar Vikas Kumar, who looked certain to beat their Chinese Army rivals. Regrettably, this unfortunate situation caused by the Chinese was sought to be exploited by a few affluent unmeritorious civilian hobbyist riders who, despite failing to qualify, approached various High Courts claiming that because they had their personal horses stabled in Europe, they should instead be allowed to represent India since their horses could enter China via Europe.

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Consequently, the Hindu Raksha Dal decided to take up the cause of our Army riders to locate the best available horses in Europe, along with adjustment training for overseas competition for the horse and rider combinations in Europe. Strangely, there were continuous objections from the Sports Authority to sponsor our Indian Army riders, with unkind suggestions made that our bravehearts should arrange their own sponsors like the civilians were doing.

Aggrieved by the anti-national, dilatory and obstructive attitude of sports authorities, the Hindu Raksha Dal brotherhood thereafter filed a series of vigilance complaints against the senior-most officers of the Sports Ministry, which were all quickly referred by the Department of Personnel to the Cabinet Secretary for adjudication.

However, through the smooth and candid discussions between Dr. Sarbajit Roy (National Convenor, India Against Corruption) and senior officers of the Sports Ministry, conducted at the instance of the Cabinet Secretariat, the Government of India has assured the Equestrian Federation of India its full sponsorship, at least to Major Apoorva Dabhade and Dafedar Vikas Kumar of the Indian Army, and also for the most meritorious qualifying civilian riders who cannot afford to hire foreign horses. The Government has also assured complete transparency in the hiring of foreign horses so that the best available horses for India's riders are obtained in the

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face of Chinese perfidy to India's participation.

In view of the Government's assurances to the Hindu Brotherhood, it is also expected that the vigilance complaints personally filed by CEOs of the Hindu Raksha Dal, The Hindu Rashtra Dal, and The India Against Corruption (IAC), which are pending with the Cabinet Secretary (on referral from the DoPT), shall be recalled shortly.

Accordingly, the Hindustani nation calls upon all citizens to cheer on our bravehearts as they take on China's riders in Hangzhou against all odds.

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