To
All the State Secretaries,
State Associations of
The Bharat Scouts and Guides
INDIAN UNION.

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Sub:- Mischievous attempts by organisations claiming to be Scout/Guide Association reaching out to various State Governments - Prevention ...Reg.
Ref: Status of The Bharat Scouts and Guides- Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports

Sir/Madam,

Scouting Guiding is an organisation of international character and which is operating in 216 countries & territories for educational development of young people.

In India the Bharat Scouts and Guides is the only association (Registered under Societies Registration Act 1860) and affiliated with WOSM, Geneva & WAGGS, London. The constitutions of WOSM/WAGGS recognises only one association per sovereign country as its affiliate. The Bharat Scouts and Guides was recognized as the only Scouts and Guides Association by Ministry of Education, Govt. of India since 1967 vide letter dt. July 5, 1967 of the than Education Minister and we are the Apex Body for Scouting/Guiding in India as stated in the official website of the Govt. of India, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports https://yas.nic.in/youth/promotion-scouting-guiding. We find that many organisations claiming themselves as recognized bodies of scouting are approaching the State Governments and Educational Institutions to provide Scout/Guide activities.

In view of the above, all the state associations are requested to make suitable preventive measures to safeguard the interest of the youth by initiating awareness at government level and among masses.

Thanking you,

Yours in Scouting,

OFFICIANING DIRECTOR

Note: We are attaching herewith the copies of relevant documents

Copy to:
01. All the Office Bearers of the Bharat Scouts & Guides.
02. Chairman/ Secretary, Railway Scout & Guide Board, Rail Bhawan, New Delhi.
03. The Commissioner, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, 18 Institutional Area, Sahid Jeet Singh Marg, New Delhi-110016

DIR/AS-II/24.05.2019.
Dear Mrs. Mazumdar,

Will you kindly refer to your letter of 3rd July 1967 regarding the question of recognition of All India Boy Scouts Association? I am sorry it will not be possible for Mr. Kirpal to meet Sir Antonio Delgado, as he will be away from the headquarters on 7th July.

As you know, the Ministry recognises only the Bharat Scouts and Guides which is receiving financial assistance from the Government for promotion of scouting and guiding. However, you will appreciate that it is not fair for the Government to stand in the way of any institutions/individuals associating themselves with the All India Boy Scouts Association in any useful work they may undertake.

As the World Bureau of Boy Scouts has accorded recognition to your organisation, it is for Bharat Scouts and Guides to take up the issue relating to the proposed recognition to All India Boy Scouts Association with the Bureau.

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Sir,

We have just been informed by the Bharat Scouts and Guides that the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India, has granted recognition to an organization calling itself "The Hindustan Scouts and Guides Association".

May we point out that the Constitution of the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM), the only international legal body governing the operation of the Scout Movement worldwide, clearly states that "Only one National Scout Organization from any one country can be recognized for membership in the World Organization" (Article V, paragraph 2). As in the case of other international organizations, this is a peremptory norm within WOSM, and a sine qua non condition for membership thereof.

The Bharat Scouts and Guides is the only National Scout Organization recognized by WOSM in India. It was recognized in 1950 after many years of negotiation which finally led to the amalgamation of various Scout associations within one legal entity and therefore fulfilled the requirements of the WOSM Constitution. By virtue of its membership in WOSM, it is the only National Scout Organization in India which is entitled to the privileges and services of the World Organization, to recognition by its other Member Organizations, and to the use of the emblems and other material associated with World Scouting. Within India itself, the Emblems and Names (Prevention of Improper Use) Act, 1950, mentions the name of "Bharat Scouts and Guides with its emblem" at Sl. No. 20 of the schedule of the said Act, and protects the use of its Emblem and Name at national level.

The recognition of any other "Scout and Guide" association in India, such as the "Hindustan Scouts and Guides Association" is incompatible with the requirements of the Constitution of WOSM and therefore cannot be recognized by WOSM or any of its other 150 National Scout Organizations representing nearly 30 million Scouts throughout the world. It creates a very serious problem for Scouting both within India and worldwide.

May we add that since their recognition in 1950, the Bharat Scouts and Guides, whose membership now totals 3.4 million, have made a major contribution to the development of young people in India, functioning as a unified Association and an important Member of WOSM. Quite apart from the legal aspects, the recognition of a...
new, self proclaimed, "Scout" association in India would be highly detrimental to the progress and growth of Scouting in India and contrary to the historical process of unity that has led to a successful merger 50 years ago, not to speak of the damage it would cause to the image of Indian Scouting both internally and internationally.

This is particularly important in view of the fact that the organization of the forthcoming 20th Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Conference (7-11 October 2001) was, by a majority vote of the Asia-Pacific Conference, entrusted to the Bharat Scouts and Guides.

On the basis of the above, we trust that the Government of India will withdraw the recognition of the "Hindustan Scouts and Guides Association" in the interest of the unity of Scouting in India and worldwide.

We remain at your disposal for any further information you may need.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

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Dated the May 1, 2001

Dear Mr. Moreillon,

We thank you for your prompt reply dated 30.3.2001 in connection with the recognition of the Hindustan Scouts and Guides Association — an organisation working in the field of scouting and guiding.

2. We understand that as per the Constitution of the World Organisation of the Scout Movement, only one National Scout Organisation may be recognised in any country. We also understand that the WOSM strongly emphasizes the unity of the scouting movement and opposes any fragmentation at any level. You have also clarified that the World Scout Committee will not consider any application for membership from another scout association in India other than the Bharat Scouts and Guides.

3. In this connection, let me reiterate that the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India recognise the Bharat Scouts and Guides as the apex body for promoting scouting and guiding activities in the country. However, our country being a vast one and there being a very large student population in the schools, organisations other than the Bharat Scouts and Guides are being allowed to operate in this field, keeping the main objective intact.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

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Dated 7\textsuperscript{th} December, 2018.

TO WHOMSOEVER MAY CONCERN

This is to certify that Bharat Scouts & Guides organization has been recognized by this Ministry for conducting scouting and guiding activities all across the country. This Ministry is also releasing Annual Grant of Rs. 75 lakhs per year to BSG.

2. This certificate is being issued on request of Bharat Scouts & Guides organization in connection with the application of Bharat Scouts & Guides to the M/o Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, for the project under Skill India.

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