

OFFICE OF THE RETURNING OFFICER

W.F.I ELECTIONS-2023

(In the matter of formation of Electoral College-

Himachal Pradesh State)

Coram: Justice Shri M.M. Kumar,
Former Chief Justice, J&K High
Court and Returning Officer,
WFI Elections 2023

Date: 25/07/2023

ORDER

On 20.07.2023, I have passed a detailed order by accepting the nomination of two names as eligible for inclusion in the electoral college, namely Shri Jagdish Kumar and Shri Kuldeep Singh on the basis of amicable resolution of the rival factions as per the directions of the High Court. However, on 24.07.2023, a report of holding elections by Himachal Pradesh Wrestling Association has been submitted to the Ad-hoc Committee which has also been forwarded to me, alongwith the detailed election process. A new executive committee has now been elected which includes the names of Kuldeep Singh as President and Shri Rajender Singh as General Secretary. The aforesaid two names have now been submitted on 24.07.2023 for inclusion in the list of eligible members for constituting Electoral College.

Shri Kuldeep Singh had earlier filed CWP 2843 of 2018 in which the High Court has made observation for amicable settlement of the disputes between the parties which at one stage was settled and thereafter both the factions nominated two

persons, namely, Shri Jagdish Kumar and Kuldeep Singh Rana. However, fresh elections have been held and the Himachal Pradesh Wrestling Association has now elected a new body on 23.07.2023. Now two new names of Sh. Kuldeep Singh and Sh. Rajender Singh have been nominated. It appears that aggrieved by the issue of the election process for holding the elections by the Himachal Pradesh Wrestling Association, the matter was brought to the notice of the High Court and in its order dated 21.7.2023, the High Court has observed that the action of either party including the elections would be subject to further order passed by the High Court.

It has also been clarified that the Himachal Pradesh Wrestling Association is affiliated with State Olympic Association and has also been recognized by the WFI. It is also evident that the elections of newly elected State body have been held in the presence of Shri Amitabh Sharma, member Executive Council, IOA as the observer, nominated by the Ad-hoc Committee of the WFI and the Himachal Pradesh Olympic Association. In the Constitution of WFI there is no provision prohibiting holding of elections in the State Unit at a particular stage. The elections of the State Unit were held under strict supervision of IOA and WFI. Accordingly, both the new names warrant inclusion in the list of eligible members of the Electoral College as the requirements of eligibility provided by Article XIII (b) & (d) of the Constitution of WFI stands satisfied. I order accordingly.

...Sd...

**[Justice M.M. Kumar]
Returning Officer &
Chief Justice, High Court of J&K [Retd.]**