

**OFFICE OF THE RETURNING OFFICER**

**W.F.I ELECTIONS - 2023**

**(In the matter of formation of Electoral College-  
Tripura 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**

The matter pertains to Wrestling Association of Tripura and its right to nominate members on the Electoral College. In that regard an email has been received from Mr. Rupak Debroy dated 24.07.2023 which is addressed to me and the Chairperson Ad-hoc Committee of WFI. Mr. Debroy has recommended his own name alongwith the name of Sh. Ajit Kumar Bhaumik for inclusion in the list of eligible names for Electoral College of WFI Elections. A request has been made for inclusion of those names in the Electoral College.

The question before me is whether Tripura Wrestling Association would be entitled to participate in the WFI Election 2023. An email was addressed to WFI, record of WFI was brought to our notice. WFI has placed on record minutes of meeting of its general council dated 24.10.2016. One of the items taken up

under item No. 6 was the case of Tripura Wrestling Association. It was submitted that it was not actively working in the State. Accordingly, it was disaffiliated. The relevant para resulting in decision of its disaffiliation reads as under:

*“The Secretary General, WFI informed that the Tripura Wrestling Association is not actively working in the State. In spite of the decision taken by the WFI that wrestler from other state would not be allowed to participate in the National Championship, Tripura Wrestling Association sent Entry of the wrestlers belonging to Haryana, UP and Delhi State. He further stated that as per the record of WFI no wrestler from Tripura State participated in the National Championship since the affiliation granted. No state championship was organized by the Tripura Wrestling Association from the date of affiliation granted. The Secretary General, WFI recommended that since there is no activity in Tripura State as to why the Tripura Wrestling Association should be disaffiliated. The House unanimously supported the recommendation of the Secretary General and disaffiliated the Tripura Wrestling Association.”*

It is patent from the perusal of the above quoted para that Wrestling Association of Tripura has not participated in the State/National Championships since the affiliation was granted. It has also not organized any State Championship itself. In the email reliance has been placed on a certificate dated 18.03.2011 issued by WFI which is wholesome misrepresentation whereas later on it is disaffiliated on 04.10.2016.

The provision of Article XIII (b) & (d) requires that a State unit must be affiliated and recognized by WFI and State Olympic Association both. It fails to qualify the eligibility criteria. We expect that sports body like Wrestling Association of Tripura to adopt fair and proper approach rather than misleading the authorities. Accordingly the claim is rejected and the minutes of meeting of the general council dated 24.10.2016 are taken on record.

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