

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE HEARING RELATED TO CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS TO VARIOUS POSTS OF OFFICE BEARERS OF VOLLEYBALL FEDERTION OF INDIA HELD ON 27.01.2024 BEOFRE THE HON'BLE JUSTICE (RETD.) P. KRISHNA BHAT**

**ANDHRA PRADESH**

The State of Andhra Pradesh has 2 Volleyball Associations with each making claims as genuine Association to send its representatives for voting in the upcoming elections of the Office Bearers of Volleyball Federation of India. The 2 Associations who appeared are: -

- (a) Andhra Pradesh Volleyball Association; and
- (b) Amateur Volleyball Association of Andhra Pradesh

The Andhra Pradesh Volleyball Association is represented by Shri T.V. Bhagavan Das, General Secretary along with his learned counsel Shri Gautam Das, Advocate. The other Association namely Amateur Volleyball Association of Andhra Pradesh is represented by Shri Abotula Srinavasa Rao, General Secretary of the Association.

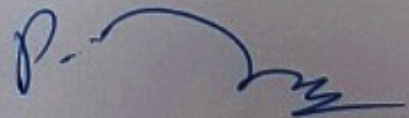
They were heard each for 10 minutes. separately and in the presence of each other.

In support of its cases, the Andhra Pradesh Volleyball Association has produced the following important documents:

- (i) The Registration Certificate for being registered with Registrar of Societies, Vijayawada (Andhra Pradesh) on 19.09.2019.
- (ii) Andhra Pradesh Olympic Association letter dated 10.01.2020 to show that the Andhra Pradesh Volleyball Association is affiliated and recognised by the Andhra Pradesh Olympic Association.
- (iii) Copies of letters of VFI informing grant of affiliation to Andhra Pradesh Volleyball Association.

Shri A. Srinivasa Rao, General Secretary of Amateur Volleyball Association of Andhra Pradesh produced:

- (i) The Registration Certificate for being registered with Registrar of Societies, Rajamahendravaram (Andhra Pradesh) on 17.02.2023.



- (ii) He also produced the letter of Andhra Pradesh Olympic Association letter dated 02.03.2023 stating that the Amateur Volleyball Association of Andhra Pradesh is affiliated with the Andhra Pradesh Olympic Association.

During hearing, Shri Srinivasa Rao candidly admitted that earlier he was also part of the Andhra Pradesh Volleyball Association and since several people were deeply unhappy with the functioning of the Andhra Pradesh Volleyball Association, he has formed a different Association. He has not disputed the existence of Andhra Pradesh Volleyball Association.

On the basis of the documents produced and submissions made before me I am satisfied that the Andhra Pradesh Volleyball Association is the genuine Association which can send its representative for the upcoming elections to various Officers in Volleyball Federation of India.



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Bihar

For the State of Bihar, 2 groups each claiming to represent the interest of the game of Volleyball for having representation in the Volleyball Federation of India and they are:-

- (a) Bihar Volleyball Association represented by Shri Ramashish Prasad Singh, Secretary physically, and
- (b) Volleyball Association of Bihar which is represented by Shri Pramod Kumar Singh by virtual mode.

I have heard them each for 10 minutes.

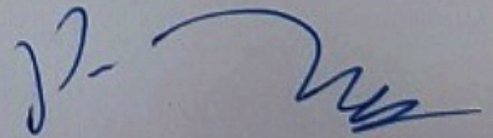
Though each of them have made several claims and assertions, they have produced only a few documents and inspite of my asking for necessary documents in support of their claim, it was pointed out by both the representatives that they have no other documents in support of their claims other than what are produced.

In support of its claim the Bihar Volleyball Association through Shri Ramashish Prasad Singh has produced the following documents: -

- (i) Registration Certificate for being registered with the Registrar of Societies, Patna (Bihar) dated 29.01.1985.
- (ii) Two (02) Fee receipts for having paid the Affiliation Fees to Volleyball Federation of India for the year 2014-15 and 2021-22.
- (iii) The copies of documents for sending Volleyball team representing the State of Bihar by the Bihar Volleyball Association for various tournaments conducted by Volleyball Federation of India for the year 2015 and 2016 and from 2018 to 2020.

The Volleyball Association of Bihar represented by Shri Pramod Kumar Singh submitted the following documents through his representative: -

- (i) Registration Certificate for being registered with the Registrar of Societies, Patna (Bihar) dated 01.07.2016.

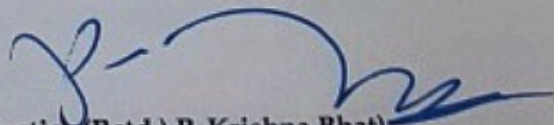


- (ii) Volleyball Federation of India letter dated 15.04.2016 giving approval of affiliation to Volleyball Association of Bihar as per the AGM held at Deharadun (Uttarakhand) on 15.04.2016.
- (iii) Bihar State Sports Authority (BSSA) letter dated 25.01.2024 to the effect that the Volleyball Association of Bihar is a recognized body as per the records available with Bihar State Sports Authority.

After weighing the submissions made by both sides and pursual of the documents submitted by them, the following are evident: -

- (a) Bihar Volleyball Association was registered as far back as on 29.01.1985, while the Volleyball Association of Bihar has been registered on 01.07.2016.
- (b) Shri Pramod Kumar Singh, the representative of Volleyball Association of Bihar did not explain the anomaly of it having received the Volleyball Federation of India affiliation as on 15.04.2016 when it was registered with the Registrar of Societies only on 01.07.2016.
- (c) The Certificate obtained by Volleyball Association of Bihar from the Bihar State Sports Authority only shows that it is a recognised body as per the available record of the Bihar State Sports Authority. Therefore, much importance cannot be attached to it.
- (d) The Bihar Volleyball Association produced a set of documents to show that it has been sending teams for various tournaments conducted by Volleyball Federation of India from 2015 and 2016 and 2018 to 2020. It has also produced the Fees Receipts for having paid the affiliation fess to VFI for the year 2014-15 and 2021-22.

On the basis of the documents produced and submissions made before me I am satisfied that the Bihar Volleyball Association is the genuine Association which can represent its representative for the upcoming elections to various positions of Volleyball Federation of India.

  
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Chhattisgarh

For the State of Chhattisgarh, two Associations are claiming the right to represent the game of Volleyball in the upcoming elections in Volleyball Federation of India and they are:

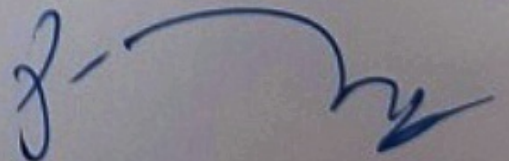
- (a) Chhattisgarh Amateur Volleyball Association (CAVA)
- (b) Chhattisgarh State Volleyball Association (CSVA)

For Chhattisgarh Amateur Volleyball Federation Shri B.S. Shrinivas Rao, Treasurer has appeared by virtual mode and his learned counsel Shri Hemant Phalpher, Advocate appeared physically before me. For Chhattisgarh State Volleyball Association Shri Mohammed Akram Khan, Secretary of CSVA and Shri Siddharth Nayak, Advocate his learned counsel appeared before me.

I have heard each Association for 10 minutes, separately and in the presence of each other.

Chhattisgarh Amateur Volleyball Association in support of its claim produced the following documents:

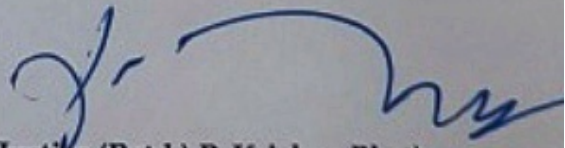
- (i) Registration Certificate for being registered with the Registrar of Societies, Raipur (Chhattisgarh) dated 01.12.2020.
- (ii) Letter dated 02.11.2021 issued by the Volleyball Federation of India informing that Chhattisgarh Volleyball Association was affiliated with it.
- (iii) Letter dated 06.12.2021 issued by Chhattisgarh Olympic Association informing about its affiliation.
- (iv) Another letter dated 24.01.2024 issued by Chhattisgarh Olympic Association informing its further affiliation.
- (v) It has also produced letter showing that one Mr. Gurucharan Singh Hora had resigned as Secretary General of Chhattisgarh Olympic Association and other letter showing that Shri Devender Yadav was elected as the Secretary General of Chhattisgarh Olympic Association.



Chhattisgarh State Volleyball Association has produced the following documents in its support:

- (i) Document dated 14.09.2001 to show that it has been registered with the Registrar of Societies, Raipur (Chhattisgarh)
- (ii) Document from Chhattisgarh Olympic Association showing its recognition and affiliation.
- (iii) Several fee receipts to show that fee was paid by the Chhattisgarh State Volleyball Association to VFI for sending State teams to participate in various National Tournaments held by VFI for several different years.
- (iv) Letter from VFI requesting the Chhattisgarh State Volleyball Association to hold the Asian Volleyball Championship under its auspices.

After hearing both sides and perusing the documents produced by them, it is evident that the Chhattisgarh State Volleyball Association has been in existence since 2001 and it has been affiliated with Volleyball Federation of India for a long time. It has also received recognition and affiliation from Chhattisgarh Olympic Association. VFI has entrusted it with the responsibility to hold Asian Volleyball Championship under its auspices. The document produced by Chhattisgarh Amateur Volleyball Association does not in any manner dent the above aspect of the matter. The submissions made before me showed that the affairs of the VFI was in a state of turmoil since the year 2020 and ever since then the office bearers of the VFI have been seemingly treating their office like personal fiefdom and not like a Trust for promoting Volleyball, frequently dispensing favours and installing their favourites in State Associations. In my considered opinion, Chhattisgarh State Volleyball Association has demonstrated that it is that Association which is entitled to represent the interest of game of Volleyball in the upcoming elections to various posts of Office bearers of Volleyball Federation of India.

  
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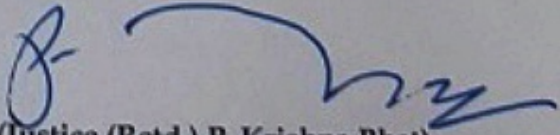
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Chandigarh

Two groups are claiming to represent the Chandigarh Volleyball Association. Indisputably, the dispute is between two factions of the same Association, which was registered on 06.06.1978 with the Registrar of Firms and Societies, Chandigarh. For removal of any doubt, I asked Shri Vijay Pal Singh who claimed to be the Vice President of Chandigarh Volleyball Association and appeared before me and also the two gentlemen namely Shri Anil Oberoi who claimed to be the Honorary Secretary and Shri Subhash Chand who claimed to be the Working President of the same Chandigarh Volleyball Association, whether there is any dispute on the fact that only one Volleyball Association was registered on 06.06.1978 and all of them were completely in agreement that there is only one Chandigarh Volleyball Association and their dispute only pertains to whether Chandigarh Volleyball Association is represented by Shri Vijay Pal Singh and his set of people or Shri Anil Oberoi and Shri Subhash Chand and their set of people.

Since there is no quarrel about the fact that Chandigarh Volleyball Association is the only body representing the game of Volleyball from Chandigarh and the internal dispute as to who could represent it in the upcoming elections to various posts of Volleyball Federation of India has to be agitated before and decided by the Competent Authority under the Firms and Societies Act, Chandigarh OR the authority under the relevant legislation. Without that being settled by the Competent Authority, none of the persons or sections can be permitted to take part in the upcoming elections to various posts of Volleyball Federation of India. It is also not in the interest of the game of Volleyball to postpone the elections which was declared by the Election Notification dated 19.01.2024.

Hence I hold that none of the groups representing the Chandigarh Volleyball Association can be permitted to take part in the upcoming elections to various posts of Volleyball Federation of India.

  
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Haryana

The following two Association are making rival claims for the entry of their nominees in the electoral college for the upcoming elections to the VFI and they are:


- (1) Volleyball Association Haryana represented physically before me by one Shri Sube Singh, General Secretary and two Shri Mukesh Kasnia, Executive Member.
- (2) Amateur Volleyball Association Haryana who is represented in virtual mode by Shri Surendar Thakran, Hony. Secretary.

I have heard each group for 10 minutes, separately and in the presence of each other.

Volleyball Association Haryana has contended that it was registered on 19.12.2016 with the District Registrar from Haryana and it was recognised by the State Olympic Association. It has produced communication issued by Volleyball Federation of India dated 28.04.2021 showing that it was granted Affiliation by VFI. It has also produced VFI Letter dated 28.07.2022 permitting Shri Sube Singh General Secretary of Volleyball Association Haryana for sending team for the 36<sup>th</sup> National Games at Gujarat during 27.09.2022 and 10.10.2022.

Amateur Volleyball Association Haryana through Shri Surendar Thakran has not produced any document in support of its claims.

Taking into consideration the VFI Affiliation communication produced and also the State Olympic Association Fee Receipt, I am of the view that the Volleyball Association Haryana is entitled to send its nominees for entry in the Electoral College for the upcoming election to VFI.

  
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Odisha

In regard to the question as to who should participate in the upcoming elections to the various posts of Office bearers of Volleyball Federation of India (VFI), and also who should be in the electoral college, 2 groups from the State of Odisha are in contention and they are: -

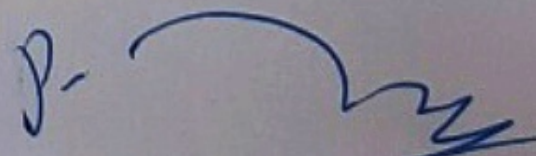
- (a) Volleyball Association of Odisha and
- (b) Odisha Volleyball Association

Volleyball Association of Odisha is represented before me virtually by Shri P.K. Mohanty, Gen. Secretary and Shri R.N. Routray, President. Odisha Volleyball Association is represented before me physically by Dr. Gaganendu Dash, Hony. General Secretary and his learned counsel Shri Gautam Das, Advocate.

I have heard each Association for 10 minutes, separately and in the presence of each other.

Volleyball Association of Odisha represented by Shri P.K. Mohanty has stated that the Association was registered on 15.12.2018 under the Societies Registration Act by the Registrar of Societies, Odisha, Cuttack. Shri P.K. Mohanty candidly submitted that the Volleyball Association of Odisha is not affiliated with the VFI for reasons, according to him, attributable to the internal issues of the VFI itself. He further submitted that the Odisha Olympic Association has not yet considered this group's application for recognition and affiliation even though it has been applied for. Mr. Mohanty further admitted that for all tournaments conducted under the auspices of VFI, only Odisha Volleyball Association has been sending the teams representing the State of Odisha. He further stated that there are overall 19 District Volleyball Associations in Odisha at present and all of them are with Volleyball Association of Odisha.

On the other hand, Dr. Gaganendu Dash and his learned counsel Shri Gautam Das representing Odisha Volleyball Association submitted that it was registered with the Registrar of Societies, Odisha on 19.1.1976 and in support of the same, he had produced the documents also. They further submitted that VFI had granted affiliation to Odisha



Volleyball Association in 1976 itself and same is being continued till date. Similarly, they submitted that since 1976 Odisha Volleyball Association is having recognition and affiliation with the Odisha Olympic Association continuously. Further, they submitted that there are totally 40 constituent units, 30 District Volleyball Associations and 10 Units like Railways team, Police team, Services Board, KIT University etc. and all of them are with Odisha Volleyball Association. In support of the above contentions Odisha Volleyball Association has produced several documents including affiliation fee receipts from 2014-15, 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2020-21. They have also produced the team participation list in various tournaments conducted by VFI for the year 2015-16, 2018 to 20.

Upon careful consideration of submissions made before me and documents produced, I am of the considered view that the Odisha Volleyball Association is entitled to represent the State of Odisha in the electoral college and also in the upcoming elections to be held for various posts of Office bearers of Volleyball Federation of India.



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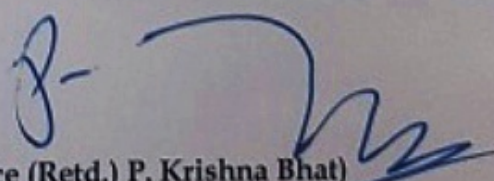
Goa

For the game of Volleyball, the State of Goa has only one Association namely The Goa Volleyball Association.

Two factions are claiming to represent the Goa Volleyball Association for the purpose of sending their nominees to the electoral college for the upcoming elections to various posts of office bearers in the Volleyball Federation of India (VFI). Shri Irvin Soares claiming to be the Vice President of The Goa Volleyball Association separately representing one faction and Shri Santhosh Bandodkar claiming to be the General Secretary is the representative of the other faction before me.

There is absolutely no dispute about the registration of The Goa Volleyball Association with the Competent Authority under the Societies Registration Act as applicable to the State of Goa in accordance with law. Similarly, no dispute exists about affiliation with the VFI or any other Competent Authority for the game of Volleyball.

I have heard Mr. Irvin Soares and also Mr. Santhosh Bandodkar. Both appeared for the hearing virtually. From their submission it is evident that there are some squabbles going on regarding the internal control and management of The Goa Volleyball Association. It was even mentioned by Mr. Irvin that in this regard some representations were made to the Competent Authority under Societies Registration Act as applicable to the State of Goa. Since the matter regarding the management of The Goa Volleyball Association itself is in question and it has been going on for the last 5 years as stated before me, it is only appropriate that the matter be decided by the Competent Authority under the Societies Registration Act as applicable to the State of Goa and till such time as the matter is settled once and for all by the Competent Authority, the two factions cannot be permitted to participate in the upcoming elections being held for electing the office bearers of VFI.

  
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Puducherry

Puducherry has a peculiar problem. It has two registered associations namely:

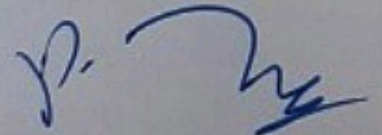
- (1) Pondicherry Volleyball Association registered on 2.09.1975;
- (2) Union Territory of Puducherry Amateur Volleyball Association (UTPAVA) registered on 07.04.2016.

Pondicherry Volleyball Association is ridden with two Factions, one represented by Mr. S. Selvaganabathy (henceforth this faction would be referred to as Mr. Selvaganabathy faction). This faction was physically represented before me by Mr. S.Ramdasse and Mr. P. Mourougayane. The other faction is helmed by Mr. E.M.I.D. Lucas and Mr. Muthu Kesavalu who appeared before me virtually. UTPAVA was represented by one Mr. Berlin Ravi alias D Ravi and his advisor Ram Krishna Virtually.

I have heard each group for 10mins, separately and in the presence of each other.

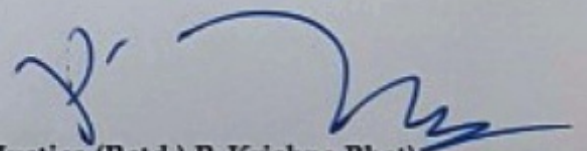
Mr. Selvaganabathy faction has produced VFI affiliation communication dated 27.09.2019 and Annual Fee Receipts for VFI Affiliation for the years 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021 and 2023. It has also produced the state Olympic Association recognition letter dated 23.10.2022 granting the recognition in favour of this faction. Further it had produced documents for participation of the teams sent by it in the tournaments conducted by VFI for the year 2015, 2016, 2018, 2019 and 2020.

The second faction is Pondicherry Volleyball Association of Mr. E.M.I.D Lucas. This faction has produced, inter alia, State Olympic Association recognition letter dated 25.09.2023. This group has conceded during the hearing that affiliation fees are being paid by Mr. Selvaganabathy Faction. According to it, VFI is not entertaining them. For the same reason, this group has stated that teams are being sent by Mr. Selvaganabathy Faction.



The UTPAVA Group has produced VFI letter dated 01.01.2017 signed by Mr. Chaudhary Avadesh Kumar, President VFI which states that Pondicherry Volleyball Association was suspended and expelled and their affiliation has been cancelled. It further states that UTPAVA was granted Affiliation by VFI. It has produced another letter dated 13.03.2017 sent by VFI asking UTPAVA to hold Senior South Zone National Volleyball Championship. I have considered the submissions made on both sides and also the documents produced.

The several documents produced by Mr. Selvaganabathy Faction of Pondicherry Volleyball Association shows that it was treated as the affiliated volleyball association continuously and even recently Olympic Association of the state on 23.10.2022 has granted affiliation. The VFI letter dated 01.01.2017 produced by UTPAVA appears to be attributable to the factional fight within VFI itself. In that view of the matter, I hold that Pondicherry Volleyball Association of Mr. Selvaganabathy Faction is entitled to send its nominee for entry in the electoral college for the upcoming VFI Election.

  
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Punjab

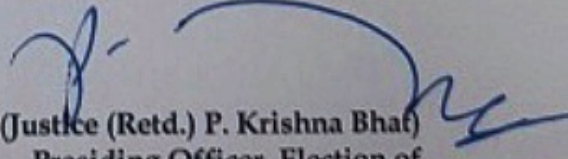
State of Punjab has only one Association namely Punjab Volleyball Association registered on 31.08.1966. Unfortunately, there are two Factions now. Both the factions have appeared before me. The representatives of both the factions have appeared before me physically.

First faction is represented by Mr. Raj Kumar claiming to be General Secretary, Second Faction is represented by Mr Gurbax Singh claiming to be the Chairman and two Mr. Sukhpal Singh Brar claiming to be General Secretary.

I have heard each group for 10 minutes, separately and in the presence of each other. Mr. Raj Kumar submitted before me that his faction is the one which is genuinely entitled to represent Punjab Volleyball Association and in support of the same, he produced VFI Affiliation communication dated 27.02.2020 which recognises his faction, he has also produced affiliation fee receipts of the year 2015, 2019 and 2021 he has also produced payment receipts issued by VFI for having sent the team of players to the VFI conducted tournaments for the years 2015, 2016, 2018 and 2019. He has produced a similar receipt for the year 2020 of which one of the signatories is Shri Sukhpal Singh Brar of the other faction. He has also produced Punjab Olympic Association Communication dated 28.08.2023 which says Mr. Raj Kumar's faction represents Punjab Volleyball Association.

On the other hand, the faction of Mr. Gurbax Singh has produced among other Sports Council Communication dated 17.02.2020 to the effect that State Sports Council has recognised Punjab Volleyball Association represented by his faction.

Taking into consideration the overwhelming Documents produced by Mr. Raj Kumar namely the VFI documents and also the State Olympic Association documents, I hold that the faction represented by Mr. Raj Kumar is entitled to send its nominees for entry in the Electoral College for the Upcoming election to VFI.

  
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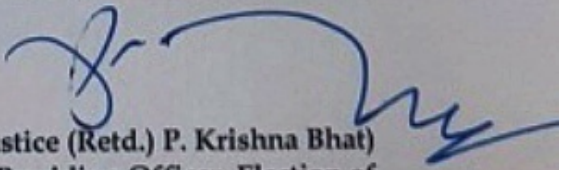
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**Karnataka**

Volleyball Federation of India in its Emergent Executive Committee meeting of Volleyball federation of India dated 3.11.2018 took a decision to Summarily Suspend the Karnataka Volleyball association and further summarily suspend and ban for life from Volleyball Federation of India Mr. K. Nandakumar. Simultaneously, it decided to appoint an ad hoc committee for Karnataka volleyball association to run the day-to-day affairs in the interest of volleyball players of state. By communication dated 2.08.2022 VFI appointed Mr. L P Anthony Joseph as Chairman cum Convener of the Ad Hoc Committee of Karnataka Volleyball association with others.

It is, therefore, evident that Karnataka Volleyball Association helmed by Mr. K. Nandakumar is not in existence and no order has been produced countermanding the said decision of Volleyball Federation of India. It follows therefore that, Mr. Bette Gowda and Mr. K. Nandakumar do not continue to be holding any position in the Volleyball association Karnataka and therefore they cannot be entered as members of Electoral college.

In so far as the claim of Mr. LP Antony Joseph and Mr. M M Gudi to be part of the electoral college is concerned, they are only office bearers of an ad hoc committee which has limited function "to run the Day-to-Day Affairs" of Karnataka Volleyball Association and as such they are not part of the affiliated Association within the meaning of Article VII (c) of Constitution and bylaws of Volleyball Federation of India. Therefore, they too do not have voting rights in the upcoming elections.

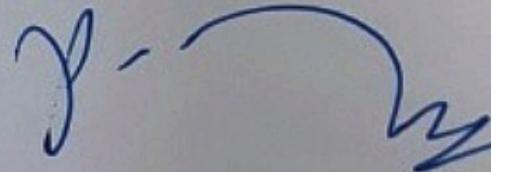
  
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Kerala

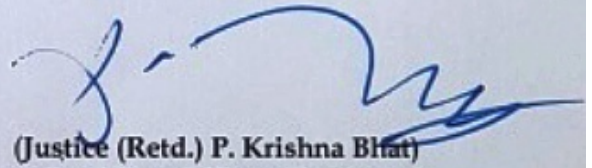
There is only one Association representing Volleyball in the State of Kerala i.e. Kerala State Volleyball Association. This hearing is necessitated not on account of any other sports association in the state of Kerala making its claim to send representative to participate in the elections to various posts of Office Bearers in Volleyball Federation of India (VFI) but on account of Government of Kerala seeking to send its nominees i.e. 2 representatives for voting in the upcoming elections of VFI. It is represented through Shri Rajiv Kumar Choudhary, IAS Secretary, Kerala State Sports Council and the Kerala State Volleyball Association is represented by Shri C. Sathyan, Hon. Secretary. Both were present through virtual mode.

Shri Sathyan for Kerala State Volleyball Association submitted that the Association is registered on 19.03.1979 with the Department of Registrar, Kottayam (Kerala) and ever since then it is promoting the game of Volleyball and also affiliation was granted by VFI in the year 1979. Kerala State Olympic Association also has granted recognition and affiliation to Kerala State Volleyball Association. None of these submissions were contested by Shri Chaudhary, IAS, Secretary Kerala State Sports Council. However, the only submission of the Secretary, Kerala State Sports Council was that ever since the VFI was dissolved by the order of Union Sports Ministry, the game of Volleyball has been jeopardised in the State of Kerala and therefore the Kerala State Sports Council does not want Kerala State Volleyball Association to represent the state in the upcoming elections to various office bearers in VFI and it is stated that the Kerala State Sports Council wants to nominate 2 voters for voting in the said elections of VFI. He also mentioned their names and submitted that they are 2 eminent Volleyball players.





The election is being held for electing the office bearers of Volleyball Federation of India which is constituted under its own constitution. The elections to VFI are regulated by its constitution and under National Sports Development Code of India, 2011. Mr. Choudhary has not been able to explain as to how the constitution of VFI and the National Sports Code, 2011 permit the State of Kerala or any other State Govt. to nominate members for representing in the electoral college of VFI. In view of the above, I hold that Kerala State Sports Council cannot nominate any persons to be included in the electoral college for voting for various positions in the VFI. I am of the opinion that only Kerala State Volleyball Association can send the nominees to the electoral college for VFI elections.



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**Jharkhand**

For the State of Jharkhand, 2 Associations are claiming the right to represent the game of Volleyball in the upcoming elections in Volleyball Federation of India and they are:-

- (a) Jharkhand Volleyball Association is represented physically through (i) Shri Shekhar Bose, Secretary and (ii) Shri Uttam Raj, Treasurer
- (b) Jharkhand State Volleyball Association is represented by (i) Shri Jaideep Sarkar, Secretary General and (ii) Shri Nagendra Singh, President.

I have heard each Association for 10 minutes, separately and in the presence of each other.

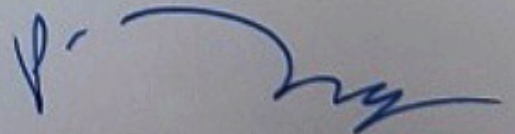
Jharkhand Volleyball Association has produced the following documents: -

- (i) Registration Certificate for being registered with the Registrar of Societies, Ranchi (Jharkhand) dated 15.06.2007.
- (ii) Affiliation letter dated 24.11.2022 issued by Volleyball Federation of India
- (iii) Fee paid receipts for the year 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21 for affiliation with VFI.
- (iv) Lists of Team participation in the year 2015-16 and 2018-19 in the National Volleyball Tournaments conducted under the auspices of VFI.

Jharkhand State Volleyball Association has produced the following document: -


- (i) Registration Certificate for being registered with the Registrar of Societies, Ranchi (Jharkhand) dated 05.11.2020.

During the hearing Shri Jaideep Sarkar candidly submitted that the Jharkhand State Volleyball Association does not have affiliation with Volleyball Federation of India and in fact it has never applied for affiliation with Jharkhand State Olympic Association also.



Shri Shekhar Bose representing Jharkhand Volleyball Association submitted that even though Jharkhand Volleyball Association was registered with Registrar of Societies only on 15.06.2007, it was affiliated to VFI ever since 2001 itself and Jharkhand Volleyball Association was sending Volleyball teams representing the State of Jharkhand for various tournaments held by VFI. He submitted that in all these years Jharkhand Volleyball Association has been sending Volleyball teams for Jharkhand team for National and also other tournaments.

Having pursued the documents produced by both sides and having considered submissions made by both, I am satisfied that Jharkhand Volleyball Association is the one Association which is entitled to represent the interest of game of Volleyball in the upcoming elections to various posts of Office bearers in Volleyball Federation of India.

  
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Maharashtra

Three groups have appeared before me claiming to represent Maharashtra Volleyball Association for the purpose of sending in their nominations for entry in the electoral college for the upcoming election to various position in VFI

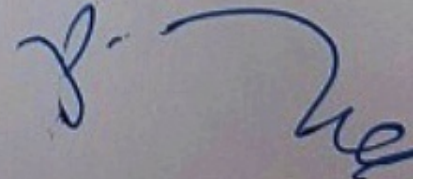
They are: -

- (i) 1<sup>st</sup> Group - Represented physically before me by Shri V.P alias Balasaheb.
- (ii) 2<sup>nd</sup> Group - Represented physically by Shri Viral Shah Genral Secretary and his Advocate Shri Dhaval Singh Pandey
- (iii) 3<sup>rd</sup> Group - Represented physically by (i) Shri Nilesh Vishnu Jagtap Associate Secretary and (ii) Shri Arvind Gavai.

I have heard each group for 10 minutes separately and in the presence of each other.

After hearing the undisputed facts emerging are that there is only one Association administering the game of Volleyball in the state of Maharashtra: its name is Maharashtra Volleyball Association; it was registered with the Registration No. F-4246 on 15.01.1977; and these three groups represent separate factions within the Maharashtra volleyball Association vying to represent it in the electoral college for the upcoming elections to various positions in VFI.

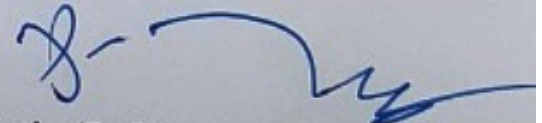
The Third group represented by Nilesh Jagtap and Arvind Gavai submitted that the Maharashtra Volleyball Association has been registered under the Bombay Public Trust Act 1950 and even after the other two factions started their claim to represent Maharashtra Volleyball association, Volleyball Federation of India and Maharashtra Olympic Association have all granted affiliation to the group represented by them only namely Shri Nilesh Vishnu Jagtap. They have produced documents in support of the said claim. They have produced VFI affiliation communications dated 16.01.2017, 31.05.2019, 15.01.2021 and 25.11.2022. Further they have submitted that the original Bank Account of Maharashtra Volleyball



Association is being managed by this faction itself. All the above facts have not been disputed by the other two factions

It is also brought to my notice that a Writ Petition was filed in W.P. No. 31380 of 2023 challenging the communication by Maharashtra Olympic Association dated 28.07.2023 rejecting the affiliation request made by the other two groups and granting the same to the group represented by Shri Vijay T. Dangre, Shri Nilesh Vishnu Jagtap and Shri Arvind Gavai. It was also informed that Hon'ble Bombay High Court before whom the writ petition is pending has not granted any interim order of Stay in the said case.

In view of the above conspectus of facts, I hold that the group represented by Shru Vijay T Dangre, Shri Nilesh Vishnu Jagtap and Shri Arvind Gavai is entitled to send their nominee to the Electoral College for the upcoming election to VFI



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**Madhya Pradesh**

Madhya Pradesh has three Associations of the same name namely Madhya Pradesh Amateur Volleyball Association with the same number and dates of registration. They will henceforth be referred to as Faction no. 1 represented by Shri Anwar Khan, Faction No. 2 represented by Shri Rudra Pratap Singh and Faction No. 3 represented by Shri S K Khurana. Faction No. 1 was represented before me by Shri Anwar Khan with his advocate Shri Raghav Khanna, Faction No. 2 was represented before me by Mr. Hari Singh Chauhan, faction No. 3 was represented before me by Shri Suresh Kumar Khurana.

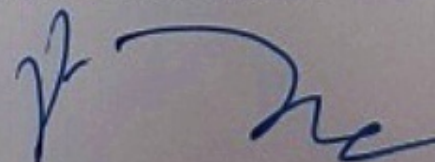
I have heard each group for 10 minutes, separately and in the presence of each other.

Faction no. 1 of Anwar Khan during the hearing has made several claims regarding his right to represent MPAVA. He has produced VFI Affiliation letters for the year 2000 and 2013. In spite of his claim that his faction was granted affiliation by VFI continuously he could not produce documents to substantiate the same.

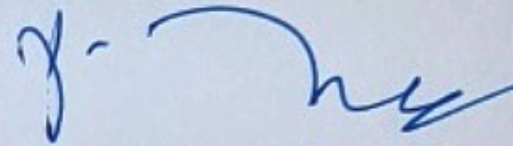
Faction no. 2 of Shri Rudra Pratap Singh has produced VFI letter dated 22.09.2016 showing that Affiliation was granted to this faction by VFI. Further, he has produced Team Participation fee receipts for the year 2010 to 2021 in the Tournaments conducted by VFI. He has also produced list of players sent for the Senior National Volleyball Championship for Men and Women by VFI for the year 2015, 2016, 2018, 2019 and 2020.

Faction No. 3 of Shri S. K Khurana has produced VFI Affiliation letter dated 07.02.2017 and State Olympic Association recognition letter dated 28.05.2013.

I have given careful consideration to the records produced and submissions made before me.



It is evident that the Second Faction (Shri Rudra Pratap Singh) has during the period between 2010 and 2021 had affiliation for some time from VFI and he has sent teams during this period for participation in the National Games held by VFI. In view of the same, I hold that the Second Faction of Shri Rudra Pratap Singh is entitled to send its nominees for entry in the Electoral College for the upcoming VFI Election.



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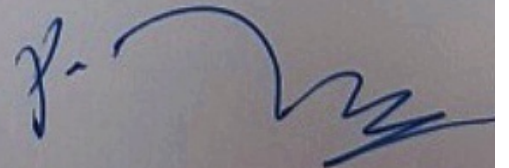
Telangana

The Telangana Volleyball Association was registered on 23.07.2014 with the Registrar of Societies. There are 2 groups in the said Association with each claiming that it is the genuine one and it has the right to send nomination for entry to the electoral college in the upcoming elections to Volleyball Federation of India.

One group is represented by Shri Mohammed Jani along with his Advocate Shri Aryan Deol, both of whom appeared physically before me. The other group is represented by Shri G. Ramesh Babu and Mr. N.V. Hanmanath Reddy. When the case was taken up for hearing both Shri G. Ramesh Babu and Shri N.V. Hanmanath Reddy were absent physically or in the virtual mode. However, the faction of Shri G. Ramesh Babu and Shri N.V. Hanmanath Reddy has sent large number of documents through e-mail, which I have thought it necessary to consider. Shri Aryan Deol and Shri Mohammed Jani submitted before me that the Telangana Volleyball Association was registered on 23.07.2014 and it is affiliated with the Volleyball Federation of India. They have also produced a document to show that this faction was granted VFI affiliation on 09.03.2016.

On the other hand, the other faction represented by Shri G. Ramesh Babu and Shri N.V. Hanmanath Reddy among others, has produced the following documents: -

- (a) The VFI affiliation letter dated 18.01.2021.
- (b) The annual affiliation fee receipts issued by VFI for the year 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2020-21.
- (c) The payment of fees for sending teams for the tournaments conducted by VFI during the years 2015-16 and from 2019 to 2022.
- (d) The letter of Telangana Olympic Association dated 18.01.2021 for grant of affiliation.
- (e) VFI letter dated 20.03.2018 communicating that this faction was granted affiliation by VFI.





On consideration of the documents produced it is shown overwhelmingly that the 2<sup>nd</sup> faction represented by Shri G. Ramesh Babu and Shri N.V. Hanmanath Reddy has been having affiliation from VFI, Telangana Olympic Association and it has been sending teams for playing in the tournaments conducted by VFI. Telangana Olympic Association has issued a letter dated 18.01.2021 granting recognition and affiliation to this faction.

Therefore, on consideration of the materials produced before me, I hold that the faction represented by Shri G. Ramesh Babu and Shri N.V. Hanmanath Reddy is entitled to send their representatives for entry in the electoral college for the upcoming elections to Volleyball Federation of India.



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Tripura

There are two Associations in the state of Tripura and they are:-

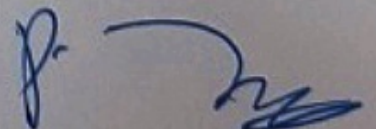
- (i) Tripura State Volleyball association (TSVA) and
- (ii) Tripura Volleyball Association (TVA).

Tripura State Volleyball Association appeared before me through Advocate Jayant Kumar physically, while Tripura Volleyball Association through its acting secretary Mr Chandan Sen.

During the hearing it was submitted by Shri Jayant Kumar for Tripura State Volleyball Association that it was registered in 2015 and it was having Affiliation with VFI and it has produced VFI fee payment Receipt for the years 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2020-21 it has also produced the List of players of the teams sent to the tournaments conducted by VFI in 2015, 2016, 2018, 2019, and 2020. State Olympic Association has given a letter dated 14.10.2019 communicating grant of Affiliation which has also been produced in these proceedings.


Shri Chandan Sen for the Tripura Volleyball Association (TVA) submitted that it was registered in 19.07.1973 and it had VFI Affiliation between 1976 and 2014. He stated that Mr. Pravir Chakraborty, the then President, arbitrarily dissolved Tripura Volleyball association and a civil suit was filed which is pending. However he did not produce any orders of the court which has the effect of nullifying the act of dissolution if Tripura Volleyball Association done by the then President Mr. Pravir Chakraborty

On a detailed consideration of the submissions made and documents produced before me by the parties it is evident that Tripura State Volleyball Association has been having affiliation since 2014-2015 and it has been sending teams consistently since then for participation in the tournaments conducting by VFI. State Olympic Association has also granted the affiliation to Tripura state as per letter dated



14.10.2019. Mr Chandan Sen for TVA has submitted that Mr, Pravir Chakraborty the then President of the Association has dissolved Tripura Volleyball Association and he further admitted that its affiliation was only up to 2014

In that view of the matter, I hold that Tripura State Volleyball Association is entitled to send its nominees for entry in the Electoral College for the upcoming VFI Election.

  
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Uttar Pradesh

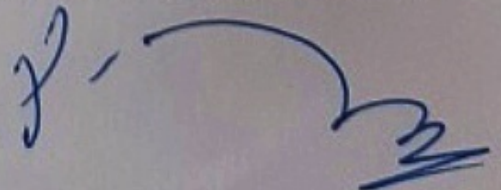
The Uttar Pradesh Volleyball Association admittedly as per the say of all 3 groups present physically, was registered on 09.03.1981 to promote the game of Volleyball in the State of Uttar Pradesh. Now 3 groups are vying for having control over the UP Volleyball Association and they are: -

- (a) Group represented by Shri Sunil Kumar Tiwari claiming to be the Honorary Secretary, who is assisted by Ms. Geetanjali Sharma, Advocate (Physically appeared).
- (b) 2<sup>nd</sup> Group is consisting of Shri Ambarish Singh Bhadauria who is claiming to be the Hon. Secretary General (Physically appeared).
- (c) 3<sup>rd</sup> Group consisting Shri Pradeep Singh Gill claiming to be the President and Shri C.P. Singh claiming to be the Chairman of Technical Committee (Physically appeared).

I have heard each for 10 minutes, separately and in the presence of each other.

Shri Sunil Kumar Tiwari assisted by Ms. Geetanjali Sharma submitted that the Uttar Pradesh Volleyball Association was registered on 09.03.1981 before the Registrar of Societies, Uttar Pradesh. It was submitted by them that ever since the Registration of the UP Volleyball Association, the same is having affiliation from the Volleyball Federation of India and also received recognition and affiliation from the Uttar Pradesh Olympic Association. It is also submitted that this group is also sending the teams for participation in various Tournaments at National level conducted by VFI. In this connection, they have submitted copies of various receipts received from VFI.

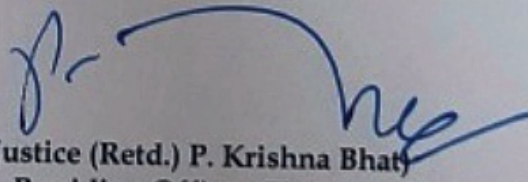
The 2<sup>nd</sup> Group represented by Shri Ambarish Singh Bhadauria has not disputed the fact that the Uttar Pradesh Volleyball Association is one Association and is registered on 09.03.1981. According to this group till 2016 there was no problem in the UP Volleyball Association. Thereafter on account of certain disputes among the individuals who are part of the Governing Body of UP Volleyball Association, rivalry started resulting in a fissure in the Association. However, Shri Bhadauria does not dispute the fact that from 2016 onwards also the VFI has granted affiliation to the group represented by Shri Sunil Tiwari. Further, UP Volleyball Association has also recognized the said faction. He also does not dispute the fact that the team of players is being sent by the said group only for participation in various



fact that the team of players is being sent by the said group only for participation in various National level tournaments conducted by VFI. During the submission, he referred to a Writ Petition pending before the Hon'ble High Court of Uttar Pradesh, Allahabad vide W.P. No. 36510/2019, in which certain orders passed by Commissioner, Kanpur Division was stayed by the Hon'ble High Court. The Writ Petition is pending. The case is a matter for adjudication by the Hon'ble High Court of UP.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Group during its submission has also mentioned about the Writ Petition pending in Hon'ble High Court of UP. It in fact does not dispute the fact that all along the affiliation and recognition of UP Volleyball Association by VFI is with the group of Shri Sunil Tiwari. The factum of 1<sup>st</sup> Group sending the team of players for participation in various National Tournaments organised by VFI was also confirmed by them.

On a careful consideration of the documents and the submissions made before me by the above mentioned 3 groups, I am of the considered opinion that the 1<sup>st</sup> Group of Shri Sunil Kumar Tiwari is entitled to send nominees for the upcoming elections of various Office bearers of Volleyball Federation of India and also get their nominees included in the electoral college for the said elections.

  
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Uttarakhand

Uttarakhand has two Associations namely: -

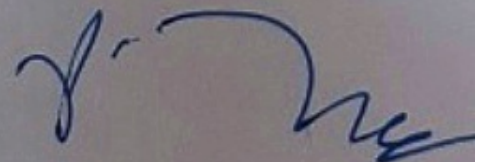
- (i) Volleyball Association of Uttaranchal (VAU) also known as Uttarakhand Volleyball Association and
- (ii) Uttaranchal Volleyball Association (UVA).

Both are claiming that the Representation in the Electoral College should be given to them and not to the rival association. Volleyball Association of Uttaranchal was represented by Mr. Hem Pujari who appeared physically and his advocate Mr. R.A. Iyer who appeared virtually. Uttaranchal Volleyball Association was represented before me by Mr. Mithlesh Kumar Singh and his advocate Mr. Hemant Phapalpher who appeared physically.

I have heard each group for 10mins, separately and in the presence of each other.

Mr. Hem Pujari and Shri R. A. Iyer submitted that Volleyball Association of Uttaranchal was having Affiliation and they produced affiliation fee receipts for the year 2011-2012, 2015-2016. They have produced Xerox copies of certain screenshots which cannot be deciphered at all. They have further produced fee receipts for having sent the team for 2017 for the Boys and girls in the tournament conducted by VFI.

Uttaranchal Volleyball Association has produced VFI letter dated 20.12.2019 which is the Affiliation order granted in its favour. They have also produced letter dated 20.07.2019 issued by the Uttaranchal Olympic Association granting Affiliation to it. They have further produced list of players sent to participate in the tournament conducted by VFI i.e., 46<sup>th</sup> junior National Championship( 2019-2020).



I have given consideration to the submissions made and the documents produced. One of the documents produced by Volleyball Association of Uttaranchal at Annexure E, page 30 is proceedings of the Volleyball Federation of India dated 18.11.2019 presided over by its president Mr. S Vasudevan. It has been noted that in the elections held, Mr. Mithlesh Kumar Singh was elected president and Mr Mrityunjay was elected Secretary for the state of Uttaranchal. VFI issued the letter dated 20.12.2019 granting affiliation to Uttaranchal Volleyball Association. State Olympic Association vide its letter dated 20.07.2019 had granted affiliation and recognition to Uttaranchal volleyball association. The Uttaranchal Volleyball Association have further produced list of players sent to participate in the tournament conducted by VFI i.e., 46<sup>th</sup> junior National Championship( 2019-2020).

In that view of the matter I hold that Uttaranchal Volleyball Association is entitled to send its nominees for entry in the Electoral College for the upcoming VFI Election.



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