

W.B. SRINIVAS

Senior Advocate

High Court of AP & Telangana State

H. No. 1-8-724/4/A, Ground floor, Lane Opp. Kshatriya Towers,
Nallakunta (Vegetable Market Road), Hyderabad-500044

Proceeding No. 7/WB Returning Officer dated 25.02.2024 In the matter of elections to Rowing Federation of India

To

Chandigarh Rowing Association

Rep. By Rajeev Sharma

Honorary Secretary

The Chandigarh Rowing Association through Mr. Rajeev Sharma Honorary secretary has sent emails dated 23-02-2024 raising certain issues referring my proceeding no.5 dated 23-02-2024 wherein, I had rejected the request of Tripura state Rowing Association sent vide email dated 21-02-2024 seeking to include the names of its nominees in Form 1 Electoral College. My proceeding no. 5/WB Returning Officer dated 23-02-2024 clearly indicated the reasons for rejecting the request of the said association and need not be reiterated.

Vide the above emails dated 23-02-2024, the Chandigarh Rowing Association made certain unwanted comments made upon my proceedings and raised issues w.r.t. the inclusions of nominees of Assam, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Pondicherry (Puduke Rowing Association) as published in Form 1 dated 16-02-2024 by my **Predecessor RO** and sought for reviewing the same citing that the above named State Rowing Associations affiliated to Rowing Federation of India are non-compliant to the National Sports Code.

In this regard these issues were already raised before the **Predecessor RO** by Rajeev Sharma which were already considered and a decision was rendered by him in his proceeding no 9 dated 11-02-2024 and proceeding no 12 dated 12-02-2024 rejecting the very same objections once again now raised. It is further noticed that time and again very same objections are made and seeking me to review those decisions of my **Predecessor RO**. In this regard, vide my proceedings no 2/WB dated 18-02-2024 these issues were already addressed by me and I clearly held that I cannot review the earlier decisions taken by the **predecessor RO** nor I am empowered to do so, further it was also clearly indicated by me that I cannot entertain the objections which were already answered and decided. Despite of it, raking up the same issues cannot be permitted and entertained. Hence, I reject the objections and request made in your emails dated 23-02-2024.

As regards the issue of Jharkhand Rowing Association complaining that the office bearers do not comply with the National Sports Code and a request is made not to permit them to vote on the election date. In this regard, it was clearly notified vide my proceedings no 1/WB dated 17-02-2024 that the scrutiny of nominations would be held at my office on 19-02-2024 between 5pm to 6.30pm and any objections with regard to the nominations have to be given in writing in physical mode alone. During the scrutiny of nominations which were conducted on the above Scheduled date and time, "No Objections" were raised

... Contd

A handwritten signature in green ink, followed by the date '25/2/2024' written in the same color.

W.B. SRINIVAS

Senior Advocate

High Court of AP & Telangana State

H. No. 1-8-724/4/A, Ground floor, Lane Opp. Kshatriya Towers,
Nallakunta (Vegetable Market Road), Hyderabad-500044

or given physically by anyone with regard to nominations during the stipulated time. The list of valid nominations was also published in Form 4 on 20-02-2024 along with my proceedings no 3/WB Returning Officer dated 20-02-2024. Hence the objections now made seeking to delete the names of Jharkhand from the Electoral College cannot be entertained at all at this juncture and I reject the same.

Further, the matter w.r.t compliance and non-compliance of the National Sports Code by the Rowing Federation of India and its affiliates and the elections to be held on 25-02-2024 to Rowing Federation of India's office bearers and executive committee and all the above issues raised are all subject matter pending adjudication before Hon'ble Delhi High Court in WP(C) 2702/2024 and the issues being raised by your association cannot be gone into also for the reason that the matter is "**Sub-Judice**" and further the Delhi High Court in the above writ petition had directed vide its order dated 23-02-2024 to hold the election on 25-02-2024, hence no review of Form 1 can be done. Please be informed that "No Objections" whatsoever will be entertained with regard to the election to be held on 25-02-2024 since the matter is "**Sub-Judice**".

Place: Hyderabad

Date: 25-02-2024


W. B. SRINIVAS
Senior Advocate
Returning Officer, RFI