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\* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**

# **CNR No. DLHC010047972024**

+ **W.P.(C) 1938/2024**

**MAHARASHTRA VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION**  
**REPRESENTED BY ITS AUTHORISED SIGNATORY**  
**VIRAL SHAH** .....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Swaroop George, Mr. Dhaval  
Deshpande, Ms. Neha Arya, Mr.  
Mobashshir Sarwar, Mr. Abhinandan  
Jain and Mr. Abhigyan Dwivedi,  
Advocates.

versus

**UNION OF INDIA & ORS.** .....Respondents

Through: Mr. Ripudaman Bhardwaj, CGSC  
with Mr. Kushagra Kumar, Mr. Amit  
Kr. Rana and Mr. Anmol Ghai,  
Advocates for UoI.  
Mr. Ujjwal Chaudhary, Advocate for  
IOA.  
Mr. Jayant Kumar, Advocate for VFI  
(through VC)

**44.**

# **CNR No. DLHC010058882024**

+ **W.P.(C) 2100/2024 & CM APPL. 65308/2025**

**MAHARASHTRA VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION** .....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Swaroop George, Mr. Dhaval  
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Mr. Jayant Kumar, Advocate for VFI  
(through VC)

**45.**

# **CNR No. DLHC010058912024**

+ W.P.(C) 2103/2024

MAHARASHTRA VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION .....Petitioner

Through:

Mr. Swaroop George, Mr. Dhaval  
Deshpande, Ms. Neha Arya, Mr.  
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IOA.

Mr. Jayant Kumar, Advocate for VFI  
(through VC)

**46.**

# **CNR No. DLHC010111602024**

+ W.P.(C) 3365/2024 & CM APPL. 13847/2024

VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION OF UTTRANCHAL



UTTARAKHAND VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION .....Petitioner  
Through: Mr. Varnik Kundaliya, Advocate  
(through VC)

versus

UNION OF INDIA & ORS. ....Respondents  
Through: Mr. Ripudaman Bhardwaj, CGSC  
with Mr. Kushagra Kumar, Mr. Amit  
Kr. Rana and Mr. Anmol Ghai,  
Advocates for UoI.  
Mr. Jayant Kumar, Advocate for VFI  
(through VC)

**47.**

# **CNR No. DLHC010416242025**

+ W.P.(C) 9483/2025 & CM APPL. 40040/2025

PREM SINGH BAJOR & ANR. ....Petitioners  
Through: Mr. Varnik Kundaliya, Advocate  
(through VC)

versus

UNION OF INDIA & ANR. ....Respondents  
Through: Mr. Premtosh K. Mishra, CGSC with  
Mr. Anubhav Upadhyay and Mr.  
Ashutosh Kumar Tiwari, Advocates.  
Mr. Jayant Kumar, Advocate for VFI  
(through VC)

**48.**

# **CNR No. DLHC010888702025**

+ W.P.(C) 17269/2025

MADHYAPRADESH VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION .....Petitioner  
Through: Mr. Siddharth Nayak, Advocate  
(through VC)



versus

UNION OF INDIA AND ORS

.....Respondents

Through: Mr. Udit Dedhiya, SPC with Mr. Govil Upadhyaya (GP), Mr. Preyansh Gupta and Mr. Arihant Srivardhan, Advocates for R-1/UoI.  
Mr. Ujjwal Chaudhary, Advocate for IOA.  
Mr. Anshul Kumar, Mr. Shashank Sharma and Manish Kumar Mishra, Advocates for R-4 (*through VC*)  
Mr. Jayant Kumar, Advocate for VFI (*through VC*)

**CORAM:**

**HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMIT BANSAL**

**ORDER**

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**11.08.2026**

1. The present writ petitions concern the elections of the Executive Committee of the respondent no.1/Volleyball Federation of India ('VFI').
2. *Vide* order dated 9<sup>th</sup> May, 2025, this Court directed the conduct of elections for a newly elected body of the respondent no.1/VFI, which was to operate as an interim body. The relevant directions passed by the Court in this regard are set out below:

*"19. Accordingly, with the consent of the parties, it is directed as follows:-*

- (i) The elections for the constitution of a newly elected body of the Volleyball Federation of India, shall be completed within a period of four weeks, from today.*
- (ii) The elections shall be conducted from the stage, from where the election process was stopped, in view of the order dated 16<sup>th</sup> February,*



2024, passed by this Court.

(iii) *The newly elected body shall operate as an interim body...*”

3. On 7<sup>th</sup> June, 2025, elections were conducted by the Election Officer/Returning Officer appointed by the IOA. The resultant interim body elected was granted conditional recognition by the FIVB.

4. FIVB *vide* its letter dated 21<sup>st</sup> April, 2026, appointed a Steering Committee to manage the administrative affairs of the respondent no.1/VFI. Thereafter on 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2026, the recognition granted to the interim body of the respondent no.1/VFI has been revoked by the Union of India (‘UoI’) as well as the Indian Olympic Association (‘IOA’).

5. Counsel for the parties are *ad idem* that with the coming into effect of the National Sports Governance Act, 2025, fresh elections for the Executive Committee of the respondent no.1/VFI are required to be conducted.

6. Accordingly, a direction is passed that the Steering Committee shall ensure that the resultant body of the respondent no.1/VFI shall forthwith take steps to make amendments in the Constitution of VFI to make it in conformity with the National Sports Governance Act, 2025 as well as the regulations of the FIVB. The Steering Committee shall proceed to hold elections for the Executive Committee of the respondent no.1/VFI in an expeditious manner.

7. W.P.(C) 1938/2024, W.P.(C) 2100/2024, W.P. (C) 3365/2024, W.P.(C) 9483/2025 and W.P.(C) 17269/2025 were filed challenging the Electoral College for the election of the Executive Committee of the respondent no. 1/ VFI.

7.1. In view of the fact that fresh elections are to be held, the Election



Officer/ Returning Officer appointed for holding fresh elections shall decide the eligibility of the petitioners in the said petitions without being influenced by the orders passed by the earlier Election Officer/ Returning Officer.

8. W.P. (C) 2103/2024 was filed seeking a declaration that Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Arunachal Pradesh, Daman and Diu, Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Meghalaya, Nagaland and Sikkim are not eligible to be included in the Electoral College for the Election of Executive Committee for the respondent no.1/VFI.

8.1. Accordingly, it is directed that the Election Officer/ Returning Officer shall *de novo* consider the aspect of eligibility of the aforesaid states.

9. W.P. (C) No. 9483 of 2025 was filed seeking quashing of the election results dated 7<sup>th</sup> June, 2025, in terms of which the interim body of the respondent no.1/VFI was appointed.

9.1. In view of the revocation of the recognition granted to the interim body of the respondent no.1/VFI by the IOA as well as the FIVB, the relief sought in W.P. (C) No. 9483 of 2025 has become infructuous.

10. The writ petitions are disposed of in the aforesaid terms.

11. Pending applications stand disposed of.

**AMIT BANSAL, J**

**AUGUST 11, 2026**

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