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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**
+ **W.P.(C) 10342/2019 & CM APPLs.42732/2019, 44680/2019,**
47609/2019, 4851/2020, 15612/2020, 16483/2020, 23688/2020,
23689/2020, 32782/2020 & 32960/2020

RAJASTHAN EQUESTRAIN ASSOCIATION Petitioner

Through: Mr. Rajiv Dutta, Senior Advocate with
Mr. Viraj R. Datar, Mr. Ashish
Kothari, Mr. Hemant & Mr. Vivek
Kumar, Advocates

versus

**EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION
OF INDIA AND ORS.**

..... Respondents

Through: Mr. Ajay Digpaul, CGSC with Mr.
Sahaj Garg (GP) and Mr. Kamal R.
Digpaul, Advocate for UOI/R-2.
(M:9811157265)
Mr. Keshav Mohan, Mr. Rishi K.
Awasthi, Mr. Piyush Vatsa, Ms. Ritu
Arora and Mr. Prashant Kumar,
Advocates for R-3. (M:8527606415)
Ms. Sapna Chauhan, Advocate for
IOA/R-4.

CORAM:

JUSTICE PRATHIBA M. SINGH

ORDER
% **10.02.2021**

1. This hearing has been done through video conferencing.
2. It is submitted by ld. counsels for the parties that the observer appointed by the Court vide order dated 15th November, 2019, Dr. S.Y. Qureshi, has submitted his report. The same has been received.
3. List on 3rd March, 2021 for further orders.

PRATHIBA M. SINGH, J.

FEBRUARY 10, 2021/dk/Ap

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+ **W.P.(C) 10342/2019**

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Mr. Ashish Kothari, Mr. Hemant &
Mr. Vivek Kumar, Advocates.

versus

EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION OF INDIA AND
ORS.

..... Respondents

Through: Mr. Viraj R Datar with Ms. Meenal
Duggal, Advocate for R-1.
Mr. Ajay Digpaul CGSC with Mr.
Sehaj Garg and Mr. Kamal R. Digpaul,
Advocates for R-2.
Mr. Keshav Mohan and Rishi K.
Awasthi, Advocates for R-3.
Ms. Sapna Chauhan, Advocate for
IOA.
Mr. R.A Iyer, Advocate for Observer.

CORAM:

JUSTICE PRATHIBA M. SINGH

ORDER

% 03.03.2021

1. This hearing has been done through video conferencing.

CM APPL. 23689/2020 (for exemption)

2. Allowed, subject to all just exceptions. Application is disposed of.

**W.P.(C) 10342/2019 & CM APPLs. 42732/2019, 44680/2019, 47609/2019,
4851/2020, 15612/2020, 16483/2020, 23688/2020, 32782/2020, 32960/2020
& 5101/2021**

3. The Court has perused the observer's report. The matter requires to be finally heard.

4. The counter affidavit to the observer's report, filed on behalf of the

Respondent No. 1, has been perused by the Court. In view of the contents of the said counter affidavit which have been pointed out to the court by the ld. counsel appearing on behalf of the Observer, Mr. Viraj R. Datar, ld. counsel appearing for Respondent No.1, fairly agrees to withdraw the said counter affidavit and file appropriate objections to the observer's report on behalf of his client. The annexures to the said counter affidavit shall, however, remain on record for the sake of reference. Accordingly, the counter affidavit filed on behalf of Respondent No. 1 is rejected and the same be taken out of the record. A fresh counter affidavit be filed by Respondent No.1 within 2 weeks.

5. Insofar as the implementation of the Sports Code is concerned, Mr. Viraj R. Datar, ld. Counsel submits that the Government of India has given an extension till November, 2021 for implementation. The said submission shall be considered on the next date.

6. List for hearing on 14th April, 2021.

PRATHIBA M. SINGH, J.

MARCH 3, 2021

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+ W.P.(C) 10342/2019 & CM APPLs. 42732/2019, 44680/2019, 47609/2019, 4851/2020, 15612/2020, 16483/2020, 23688/2020, 32782/2020, 32960/2020, 5101/2021

RAJASTHAN EQUESTRAIN ASSOCIATION Petitioner
Through: Mr. Rajiv Dutta, Sr. Advocate with
Mr. Ashish Kothari, Advocates.
versus

EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION OF INDIA AND
ORS. Respondents
Through: Mr. Viraj R Datar with Ms. Meenal
Duggal, Advocate for R-1.
Mr. Ajay Digpaul CGSC with Mr.
Sehaj Garg and Mr. Kamal R.
Digpaul, Advocates for R-2.
Ms. Sapna Chauhan & Mr. Hemant
Phalpher, Advocates for R-4/IOA (M-
9810870982).
Mr. R.A. Iyer, Advocates.

CORAM:
JUSTICE PRATHIBA M. SINGH

ORDER
% **15.04.2021**

1. This hearing has been done through video conferencing.
2. This matter has been taken up today as 14th April, 2021 was declared a holiday on account of 'Ambedkar Jayanti'.

CM APPL.44680/2019

3. This is an application for correction of order dated 26th September, 2019. This application has already been disposed of vide order dated 15th November, 2019. Accordingly, no further orders are called for.

CM APPL.47609/2019

4. This is an application for declaring the results of the elections held on 29th September, 2019. This application has already been disposed of vide order dated 15th November, 2019. Accordingly, no further orders are called for.

CM APPL.4851/2020

5. This is an application moved by the Petitioner praying for appointment of an independent *ad hoc* committee.

6. This Court had appointed an Observer, whose report has already been received. Hence, the present application is disposed of as infructuous.

CM APPL.15612/2020

7. This is an application filed by the Petitioner seeking directions in respect of the appointment of the President and Vice-President.

8. In view of the orders which have been passed in this matter, no further orders are called for in this application. Application is disposed of.

CM APPLs. 23688/2020, 32782/2020 & 5101/2021

9. These applications are for taking additional affidavits and documents on record. The said affidavits and documents are taken on record, subject to objections raised by the opposing parties.

10. Applications are disposed of.

W.P.(C) 10342/2019 & CM APPLs. 42732/2019, 16483/2020, 32960/2020

11. CM APPL. 42732/2019 is an application seeking certain interim reliefs.

12. CM APPL. 16483/2020 is an application for vacation of stay granted vide order dated 20th July, 2020.

13. CM APPL.32960/2020 is an application seeking directions that the

elections be held in compliance with the terms and conditions mentioned in the National Sports and Development Code, 2011.

14. All these applications shall be heard with the main matter. Registry is directed to ensure that the disposed of applications are not shown in the cause list.

15. List on 5th August, 2021.

PRATHIBA M. SINGH, J.

APRIL 15, 2021/dk/T

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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**
+ **W.P.(C) 10342/2019**
RAJASTHAN EQUESTRAIN ASSOCIATION Petitioner
Through Mr.Rajiv Dutta, Sr.Adv. with
Ms.Shivangi Singh, Adv.

versus

EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION OF INDIA AND ORS.
..... Respondent

Through Mr.Kirtiman Singh, CGSC, Mr.Waize
Ali Noor, Adv for R-1.
Mr.Chetan Sharma, ASG with Mr.Ajay Dignpal,
CGSC for UOI.
Ms.Sapna Chauhan, Adv for IOA.

CORAM:
HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE REKHA PALLI
ORDER
% **13.08.2021**

CM APPL. 26059/2021

1. This is an application preferred by the respondent no.1 for early hearing of the petition.
2. Learned counsel for the applicant submits that the tenure of 9 out of the 21 members of the Executive Committee of respondent no.1 is coming to an end, and therefore election for these 9 members is due. Moreover, *vide* an order passed on 20.07.2020, the President and Vice President of the Executive Committee have already been restrained by this Court from discharging their duties. Consequently, the said respondent has not able to function effectively and discharge its duties

as a recognised National Sports Federation. He, therefore, prays that the petition be taken up on an early actual date.

3. Issue notice. Learned counsel for the non-applicants accept notice.
4. Learned senior counsel for the petitioner, while refuting some of the statements made by the applicant, has no objection to the early hearing of the present petition. The learned ASG, as also other counsel representing the respondents, also do not have any objection to the early hearing of the petition.
5. From a prima facie perusal of the petition, it appears that the main grievance of the petitioner is that, the respondent no.1 is still not following the National Sports Code. Though this statement is vehemently denied by the learned counsel for the respondent no.1, it appears that the issue involved in the matter is fairly short. The application is, therefore, allowed and the petition is directed to be listed for consideration on 21.09.2021.
6. The application stands disposed of.

W.P.(C) 10342/2019

7. On the next date, all the parties, including Union of India, will be ready with instructions as to why, fresh elections to the Executive Committee ought not to be directed in order to bring an end to this impasse.
8. List on 21.09.2021.

REKHA PALLI, J

AUGUST 13, 2021

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

+ **W.P.(C) 10342/2019**

RAJASTHAN EQUESTRAIN ASSOCIATION Petitioner

Through Mr. Rajeev Dutta, Sr. Adv. with Mr.
Ashish Kothari, Adv.

versus

EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION OF INDIA AND ORS....Respondents

Through Mr. Prateek Dhanda, Adv. for R-1
Mr. Chetan Sharma, ASG with Mr. Ajay Digpaul,
CGSC and Mr. Kamal R. Digpaul, Adv. for
respondent/UOI.

CORAM:

HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE REKHA PALLI

ORDER

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21.09.2021

1. A request for adjournment is made on behalf of respondent no. 1 on the ground of non-availability of Mr. Kirtiman Singh, who is stated to be indisposed.
2. Even though the request is opposed by learned senior counsel for the petitioner, keeping in view the fact that Mr. Kirtiman Singh, learned counsel for respondent no. 1 is stated to be down with dengue as also the fact that the petition was listed today only upon an application for early hearing, preferred by the respondent no. 1 having been allowed, the request for adjournment is accepted.
3. List on 21.10.2021.
4. Needless to state that the Union of India will be ready with instructions on the next date in terms of this Court's last order.

REKHA PALLI, J

SEPTEMBER 21, 2021/acm/ab

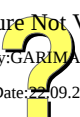
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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**

+ W.P.(C) 10342/2019 & CM APPL. 36675/2021, CM APPL.
36676/2021

RAJASTHAN EQUESTRAIN ASSOCIATION Petitioner
Through Mr. Rajiv Dutta, Sr. Adv. with Mr.
Ashish Kothari, Adv.

versus

EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION OF INDIA Respondents
AND ORS. Through Mr. Kirtiman Singh and Mr. Prateek
Dhanda, Advs.
Mr. Chetan Sharma, ASG with Mr.
Ajay Digpual, CGSC, Mr. Sahaj
Garg, GP and Mr Kamal R. Digpual,
Adv. for R-2

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HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE REKHA PALLI

% **ORDER**
21.10.2021

1. No time left.
2. List on 11.11.2021.

OCTOBER 21, 2021/acm

REKHA PALLI, J

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI

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W.P.(C) 10342/2019

RAJASTHAN EQUESTRAIN ASSOCIATION Petitioner

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Ashish Kothari, Adv.

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EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION OF INDIA AND ORS.

..... Respondent

Through Mr. Kirtiman Singh and Mr. Prateek
Dhanda, Advs.
Mr. Chetan Sharma, ASG with Mr.
Ajay Diggual, CGSC, Mr. Sahaj
Garg, GP and Mr Kamal R. Diggual,
Adv. for R-2.
Ms.Sapna Chauhan, Adv for R-4.

CORAM:

HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE REKHA PALLI

ORDER

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11.11.2021

CM APPL.36675/2021

1. This is an application filed by Ms. Sapna Chauhan, learned counsel for the respondent no.4 with a prayer that her appearance be marked in the order dated 21.09.2021.
2. Issue notice. Learned counsel for the petitioner and other respondents accept notice, and do not deny the fact that Ms. Sapna Chauhan was representing respondent no.4 on the said date.
3. The application is, accordingly, allowed and it is directed that the order dated 21.09.2021 will now be read as including the appearance

of Ms. Sapna Chauhan on behalf of the respondent no.4.

4. The application stands disposed of.

W.P.(C) 10342/2019

5. Mr. Chetan Sharma, learned ASG appearing on behalf of the respondent no.2/Union of India submits that he has obtained instruction in terms of order dated 13.08.2021. He submits that the Union of India has issued a fresh communication dated 09.11.2021, a copy whereof has been placed on record and has no objection if fresh election of the executive committee of respondent no.1 are held in accordance with law. He further points out that vide the aforesaid communication exemption has now been granted to respondent no.1 from complying with Clauses 3.4 and 3.9 of the National Sports Code.
6. On the other hand, learned senior counsel for the petitioner and learned counsel for the respondent no.4 submit that they have been furnished with a copy of the said letter only yesterday and, therefore, they require two weeks' time to make their submissions.
7. At request of learned senior counsel for the petitioner and learned counsel for the respondent no.4, list on 06.12.2021.

REKHA PALLI, J

NOVEMBER 11, 2021

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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**
+ W.P.(C) 10342/2019 & CM APPL. 36676/2021 (Exemption) , CM
APPL. 43562/2021 (Direction), CM APPL. 43563/2021 (Exemption)

RAJASTHAN EQUESTRAIN ASSOCIATION Petitioner
Through Mr. Rajiv Dutta, Sr. Adv. with Mr.
Ashish Kothari, Adv.

versus

EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION OF INDIA
AND ORS. Respondents
Through Mr. Chetan Sharma, ASG with Mr.
Ajay Digpaul, CGSC with Mr. Kamal
R. Diapaul, Adv. for R-2
Mr. Kirtiman Singh and Mr. Prateek
Dhanda, Advs. for R-1
Ms. Sapna Chauhan, Adv. for Indian
Olympic Association/R-4

CORAM:
HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE REKHA PALLI

ORDER
% **06.12.2021**

CM APPL. 36676/2021 & CM APPL. 43563/2021 (Exemption)

1. Exemption allowed, subject to all just exceptions.
2. The applications are disposed of.

W.P.(C) 10342/2019

3. The present petition has been filed by the Rajasthan Equestrian Association being aggrieved by the purported illegal action of respondent no.1/Equestrian Federation of India (EFI). Before the

matter is taken up for consideration, it transpires that respondent no.1 which has been declared as the recognized National Sports Federation (NSF) by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports under the National Sports Development Code of India (NSC), is functioning from B' Sqn, 61 Cavalry, Cariappa Marg, Delhi Cantt- 110010 which area even as per the respondent no.1's own admission is situated on Army land.

4. It has been put to learned counsel for respondent nos. 1 & 2 as to how an independent body is functioning on Army land. Mr. Kirtiman Singh and Mr. Ajay Digpaul appearing on behalf of respondent nos. 1 and 2 respectively pray for time to obtain instructions in this regard.
5. On the next date, an officer from the Indian Army well conversant with this aspect will remain present in Court through video conferencing.
6. At request, list on 09.12.2021.

REKHA PALLI, J

DECEMBER 6, 2021

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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**
+ **W.P.(C) 10342/2019 & CM APPL. 43562/2021(Directions)**

RAJASTHAN EQUESTRAIN ASSOCIATION Petitioner

Through: Mr. Rajeev Dutta, Sr. Advocate with
Mr. Ashish Kothari, Mr. Devang
Gautam & Ms. Pratha Paul,
Advocates

versus

EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION OF INDIA AND ORS.

..... Respondents

Through: Mr. Kirtiman Singh & Mr. Prateek
Dhanda, Advocates for R-1
Mr. Ajay Digpaul, CGSC with
Mr. Kamal R. Digpaul, Advocate for
UOI
Mr. Vineet Dhanda & Mr. Pulkit
Sharma, Advocates for R-3

CORAM:

HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE REKHA PALLI

ORDER

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09.12.2021

1. Pursuant to the last order, Brigadier Sameer Lanba has joined the proceedings through Video Conferencing. He submits that the permission to respondent No. 3 to operate from the Army land was given pursuant to a request made by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports. He, however, prays for time to produce the relevant file before the Court.
2. List on 16.12.2021 on which date a competent officer from the Indian Army will remain present.

REKHA PALLI, J

DECEMBER 9, 2021

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

+ **W.P.(C) 10342/2019**

RAJASTHAN EQUESTRAIN ASSOCIATION

..... Petitioner

Through

versus

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..... Respondent

Through Mr. Chetan Sharma ASG with Mr.
Advocate Ajay Digpaul, CGSC,
Advocate Sahaj Garg, G.P. and
Advocate Kamal R Digpaul,
Advocate for UOI.
Mr. Vineet Dhanda and Mr. Pulkit
Sharma, Advs. for R-3.

CORAM:

HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE REKHA PALLI

ORDER

% **16.12.2021**

CM APPL. 43562/2021.

1. No time left.
2. List on 12.01.2022.

REKHA PALLI, J

DECEMBER 16, 2021

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