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IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI

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CNR No. DLHC010164442021

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CS(OS) 226/2021, I.A. 7871/2019, I.A. 12586/2020, I.A. 5298/2021
I.A. 7918/2021, I.A. 16716/2022, I.A. 13540/2023 & I.A. 1022/2023

BOXING FEDERATION OF INDIA

.....Plaintiff

Through: Dr. Hrishikesh Baruah, Mr. Parth
Goswami, Mr. Ranjeet Pawar, Mr.
Utkarsh Diwedi and Mr. Pratham,
Advocates.

versus

INDIAN AMATEUR BOXING FEDERATION & ORS.

.....Defendants

Through: Mr. Anil Sharma and Mr. Arpit
Sharma, Advocates.

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SACHIN DATTA

ORDER

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04.08.2026

CS(OS) 226/2021 & I.A. 3307/2019 - INT. INJUNCTION

1. During the course of hearing, it is agreed that the interim directions as contained in Paragraph 12 of the order dated 07.03.2019, shall continue to operate. The said directions are as under :

“12. Accordingly, till the next date of hearing. Defendant No.1 and its office bearers are restrained from using the word 'INDIA' or 'INDIAN' as part of the name of their federation. Defendant No.1 is further restrained from representing in any manner whatsoever that it is a recognized National Sport Federation either by 10A, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports or by the AIBA. The participants in the boxing tournaments, which are being conducted by Defendant no.1 in Jabalpur, shall be clearly informed by the Defendant No.1 that it not the recognized National Sports Federation for the Sport of Boxing in India and Defendant no. 1 shall also communicate the present order to all the participants and Boxing Associations across the country. Compliance shall be reported within one month.”



2. Learned counsel for the defendant no.1 fairly submits that the defendant no.1 shall not use the word “INDIA” or “INDIAN” as part of the name of its federation for the purpose of any tournament or for any internal purpose. He further submits that in the registration/ charter documents, requisite steps shall be taken to pursue the matter expeditiously with the authorities for bringing about the requisite changes so as to delete the word “INDIA” or “INDIAN. The said statement is taken on record.
3. Learned counsel for the defendant no.1 further submits that the said defendant shall not hold itself to be a recognised National Sports Federation.
4. The above statement of the learned counsel for the defendant no.1 satisfies most of the reliefs claimed in the present suit, except for the relief of damages.
5. Learned senior counsel for the plaintiff seeks some time to take instructions as to whether the plaintiff would like to pursue the said relief.
6. Learned counsel for the defendant no.1 submits that without any reference whatsoever to the word “INDIA” or “INDIAN, the defendant may be allowed to use the abbreviation “IABF” for its federation.
7. It is submitted that letter ‘I’ in the abbreviation “IABF” shall be suitably replaced with another letter. In case the said abbreviation continues to begin from the letter ‘I’, the defendant shall continue to use the abbreviation “IABF”, while making it clear that the letter “I” does not denote the word “INDIA” or “INDIAN”.
8. List on 20.08.2026 in the category of “**Supplementary Matters**”.

SACHIN DATTA, J

AUGUST 4, 2026/at/ss