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

+ W.P.(C) 10138/2023 with CM APPL. 39234/2023, CM APPL. 62316/2024, CM APPL. 8809/2025, CM APPL. 35555/2025 and CM APPL. 46970/2025

PADMAJA GARIKIPATI

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Rahul Mehra, Sr. Advocate with
Mr. Saurabh Jain, Mr. Chaitanya
Gosain and Mr. Hanif
Chimthanawala, Advocates.

versus

UNION OF INDIA & ANR.

.....Respondents

Through: Mr. Nishant Gautam, CGSC, Mr.
Vineet Negi, Mr. Vibhav V. Nath,
Ms. Kavya Shukla and Mr. Naman
Sharma, Advocates.
Mr. Avi Singh, Sr. Advocate with Mr.
Parth Goswami, Mr. Ranjeet Pawar
and Ms. Tanvi Aanand, Advocates for
R-2.
Mr. Hrishikesh Baruah, Mr. Parth
Goswami, Mr. Utkarsh Dwivedi and
Mr. Ranjeet Pawar, Advocates for
R-3.

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMIT BANSAL

ORDER

06.07.2026

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1. Pursuant to the order passed by this Court on 24th March, 2026, an affidavit has been filed on behalf of Union of India.
2. Mr. Avi Singh, senior counsel appearing on behalf of the respondent no.2/Gymnastics Federation of India (hereinafter 'GFI') seeks further time



to file the additional affidavit in terms of paragraph 9 of the order passed on 24th March, 2026.

2.1 Let the same be filed within two (2) weeks from today.

3. This Court notes that the affidavit filed by Union of India does not deal with the issues raised in paragraphs no.7 and 8 of the order passed on 24th March, 2026, which are set out below for the sake of convenience:

“7. The Union of India, to whom the Byelaws have been sent for approval, shall, while approving the Byelaws, also consider the aspect of the number of players/sportspersons of outstanding merit that are required to be in the General Body.

8. The Union of India shall communicate its decision in relation to the amended constitution of the respondent no.2/GFI at the earliest. The Union of India shall file an affidavit in this regard before the next date of hearing.”

4. In paragraph 8 of the said affidavit, Union of India has made reference to a communication dated 3rd July, 2026, wherein Union of India has communicated its decision with respect to the amended constitution of GFI to the respondent no.2/GFI.

5. The said communication shall be produced for the perusal of the Court on the next date of hearing.

6. Counsel appearing on behalf of the respondents submit that in light of the National Sports Governance Act, 2025 passed on 1st January, 2026, the present petition has become infructuous.

7. This aspect shall be considered on the next date of hearing.

8. List on 23rd September, 2026.

AMIT BANSAL, J

JULY 6, 2026

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