

IN THE HIGH COURT OF GUJARAT AT AHMEDABAD**R/SPECIAL CIVIL APPLICATION NO. 4890 of 2025**=====
GUJARAT STATE RIFLE ASSOCIATION & ANR.**Versus****STATE OF GUJARAT & ORS.**
=====**Appearance:**

MR S N SOPARKAR, SENIOR ADVOCATE with
 MR DHAVAL M BAROT(2723) for the Petitioner(s) No. 1,2
 MR DIPAN DESAI(2481) for the Petitioner(s) No. 1,2
 MR MANAV A MEHTA(3246) for the Petitioner(s) No. 1,2
 GOVERNMENT PLEADER for the Respondent(s) No. 1

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CORAM:HONOURABLE MRS. JUSTICE MAUNA M. BHATT**Date : 15/04/2025****ORAL ORDER**

1. Learned Senior Advocate Mr. S. N. Soparkar assisted by learned advocate Mr. Dipan Desai for the petitioners requests for draft amendment to add Returning Officer as respondent No. 4 and the private persons of Annexure-J as party respondents.
2. Draft amendment is allowed. To be carried out forthwith.
3. Learned Senior Advocate Mr. S. N. Soparkar assisted by learned advocate Mr. Dipan Desai for the petitioners submitted that this petition is filed challenging the election process in relation to respondent No. 2 on the ground that the process initiated is not in consonance with the National Sports

Development Code of India, 2011 as also the law declared by decision of Delhi High Court in the case of **Rahul Mehra v.s Union of India and Ors** decided on **16.08.2022** in W. P. (C) **195 of 2010**. Learned Senior Advocate for the petitioner on the maintainability of the present petition relied upon decision in the case of **Pondicherry Basketball Association v.s Union of India and Ors** reported in **2023 DHC 2993**.

4. Learned Senior Advocate further submitted that as per Clause 20.06, every State Olympic Association should make sure that they should not make any provision which would be in contradiction with the Rules and Regulations of IOA. In the present case, the nomination form filed by private respondents is contrary to the regulations of the IOA. Further, in the case of **Rahul Mehra (supra)**, the Delhi High Court has held that the Sports Code must be applicable to every constituent of very NSF, including IOA as well as its constituents.

5. Considering the submissions, issue **Notice** returnable on **16.06.2025**. By way of ad-interim relief, the newly added respondent No. 4 – Returning Officer is restrained from proceeding further with the election process till the next date of hearing.

Direct service is permitted.

(MAUNA M. BHATT,J)

SHRIJIT PILLAI