

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
WRIT PETITION NO.1456 OF 2025**

Balasaheb Maruti Bhise and Ors.Petitioners

Versus

Indian Olympic Association and Ors.Respondents

Mr. Mukesh Pathak a/w. Mr. Abhishek B. Godase for Petitioners.

Mr. Sudarshan Kumar Agarwal for Respondent No.1.

Mr. Sanjay Kshirsagar for Respondent No.4.

**CORAM : RAVINDRA V. GHUGE &
ASHWIN D. BHOBE, JJ.**

DATE : 5th FEBRUARY, 2025

P.C. :-

1. This matter was heard for quite some time on 4th February, 2025 and again, today. We have considered the submissions of the learned Advocate for the Petitioners and the learned Advocate, who has appeared on intimation, on behalf of Respondent No.4, and we have tried to view this Petition from every angle. The written instructions received by the learned Advocate representing Respondent No.4, by an email dated 5th February, 2025 (2 pages), are taken on record and marked as 'X-1' for identification.

2. We do find that some fine tuning would be required insofar as the manner of conducting trials for selection to the sports activity of Tetrathlon, Modern Pentathlon, Triathle, Biathle and Laser run.

3. In view of the same, we do not deem it appropriate to issue any order at this stage, of staying the tournament, which is to commence in Uttarakhand on 8th February, 2025, for which the teams of various States have already reached the competition site. We also do not deem it appropriate to issue directions of giving wild card entries to the Petitioners, who have participated in the selection trials for the Tetrathlon event and were not selected. A team formalized after such trial selections has already reached Uttarakhand for representing the State of Maharashtra. Among the team members, depending upon their qualifications in different fields, some members would be participating in events involving solo participation.

4. **Issue notice to the Respondents**, returnable on 18th March, 2025. The appearing counsels waive service of notice for the

respective Respondents.

5. Let the affidavits in reply be filed, at least, 10 days prior to the returnable date in this matter.

6. Office objections, if any, to be removed, on or before 24th February, 2025, failing which, this Petition shall stand dismissed without reference to the Court, on 25th February, 2025.

(ASHWIN D. BHOBE, J.)

(RAVINDRA V. GHUGE, J.)