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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 26-11-2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE M.DHANDAPANI

WP No. 44482 of 2025

1. Atlas Gym
Rep By Its Secretary,
Mr.K.Mahendiran, S/o.P.Kannan,
Pudhu Street, Sathuvachari, Vellore
632009.

Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The Secretary General
Indian Weightlifting Federation
C-2/18 Sector 31, Noida, Uttar
Pradesh 201301.

2.The Member Secretary
Sports Development Authority Of
Tamilnadu, Nehru Stadium, Chennai
600003.

3.The General Secretary
Tamilnadu State Weightlifting
Association, No.52 6th Street, Om
Sakthi Nagar, Valasaravakkam,
Chennai.

4.The General Secretary
Tamilnadu State Olympic



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Association, Room No.78, Nehru
Stadium, Chennai 600003.

5.The Secretary
The Vellore District Weightlifting
Association, No.11 Kurinji Nagar,
Sathuvachari, Vellore District.

Respondent(s)

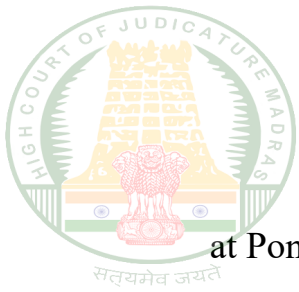
Prayer: Writ Petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying for the issuance of a Writ of Mandamus, to direct the 3rd respondent to permit the petitioners list of candidates to represent the Vellore District weightlifting Association for the State Weightlifting competition being held on 28.11.2025 - 30.11.2025 at Ponjesly College of Engineering Nagercoil, Kanyakumari.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.S.Thiruvengadam

For Respondent(s): Ms.N.S.Tanvi for R2
Mr.R.Mohan Parthasarathy for R4
Mr.Sairam for R5
R & R3 -Not ready

ORDER

This Writ Petition has been filed, praying for the issuance of a Writ of Mandamus, to direct the 3rd respondent to permit the petitioners list of candidates to represent the Vellore District weightlifting Association for the State Weightlifting competition being held on 28.11.2025 - 30.11.2025

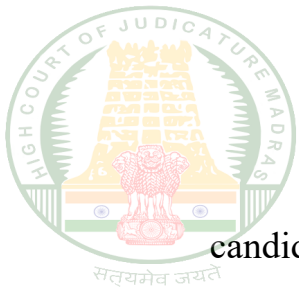


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2. The learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner association is duly affiliated member of the 5th respondent and when the 3rd respondent, the Tamil Nadu State Weightlifting Association issued a notice to all affiliated units notifying a State Weightlifting Competition to be held on 28.11.2025 – 30.11.2025, but when the candidates of the petitioner association approached the 5th respondent to forward their names as deserving candidates for participation at the State Level Weightlifting competition, but the 5th respondent, deliberately and arbitrarily refusing to nominate or select any of the candidates from the petitioner's association. Hence the learned counsel seeks direction to the 3rd respondent to permit the petitioners list of candidates to represent the Vellore District Weightlifting Association for State Level Weightlifting competition to be held on 28.11.2025 – 30.11.2025.

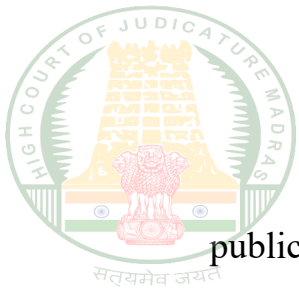
2. Per contra, the learned counsel for the 5th respondent would submit that the 5th respondent is one of the affiliated District Association before the 3rd respondent and the District Associations would conduct the district level competition and forward the names of the successful



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candidates/winners to the State level Championship. After giving wide publicity in local newspapers and also by affixing notices at the various Gym centres and public sports centres across Vellore, the 5th respondent conducted the Vellore District Weightlifting Championship on 06.11.2025 and the said championship was open to all candidates and there was restriction, but the candidates of the petitioner association had not participated in the District Level Weightlifting Championship and hence, their names were not forwarded while the names of the winners of the District Level Championship were forwarded to the 3rd respondent for their participation in the State Level Championship. Now the petitioner seeks direction to the 3rd respondent directly to permit its candidates to directly participate in the State Level Weightlifting championship, without participating in the District Level championship, which cannot be permitted and it is contrary to the bye laws. Hence, the learned counsel seeks to dismiss the Writ Petition.

3. It is not in dispute that the candidates of the petitioner association had not participated in the District Level Weightlifting Championship which was conducted on 06.11.2025 after giving wide



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publicity in local newspapers and also by affixing notices at the various Gym centres and public sports centres across Vellore including the petitioner association by the 5th respondent. The learned counsel for the 5th respondent would submit only the names of the candidates who were successful in the District Level Championship were forwarded to the 3rd respondent for their participation in the State Level Championship and since the candidates of the petitioner association had not participated in the District Level Championship came out successful, they are not entitled to participate in the State Level Championship. Therefore, this Court does not find any merit in the contentions raised on behalf of the petitioner.

4. Accordingly, the Writ Petition is dismissed as devoid of merits.

No costs.

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Neutral Citation: Yes/No

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