

IN THE HIGH COURT OF MANIPUR
AT IMPHAL

WP(C) No. 79 of 2023

Manipur Softball Association

... Petitioner

Vs.

Softball Association of India & ors.

... Respondents

With

MC(WP(C)) No. 352 of 2023;

MC(WP(C)) No. 353 of 2023;

WP(C) No. 776 of 2023 &

WP(C) No. 777 of 2023

B E F O R E
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AHANTHEM BIMOL SINGH

O R D E R

27-09-2024

On the joint prayer made by the counsel appearing for the parties, list these cases again 15-10-2024 for final disposal.

Earlier interim order shall continue till the next date.

JUDGE

Devananda

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF MANIPUR
AT IMPHAL**

MC(WP(C)) No. 574 of 2024

(Ref:- WP(C) No. 79 of 2023)

Manipur Softball Association

... Applicant

Vs.

Softball Association of India & ors.

... Respondents

**B E F O R E
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AHANTHEM BIMOL SINGH**

O R D E R

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[1] Heard Mr. Kh. Tarunkumar, learned senior counsel assisted by Mr. Jamon, learned counsel appearing for the applicant, Mr. T. Momo, learned senior counsel appearing for the respondents No. 1 and 2 and Mrs. L. Rajesh, learned counsel appearing for the respondent No. 3.

[2] The present application has been filed with the prayer for issuing a direction to the respondents No. 1 and 2 to allow the Manipur Softball team selected by the Manipur Softball Association to participate at the 42nd Junior National Softball Championship (Boys and Girls) which is to be held at S.D.R. School, Nandyal Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh from 6th to 10th October, 2024.

[3] The learned senior counsel appearing for the applicant submitted that in a similar situation, this court has allowed the team selected by the Manipur Softball Association to participate in such similar tournament by passing an interim order and that since the issue raised in the present application is similar, similar relief granted earlier by this court vide order dated 19-01-2024 passed in MC(WP(C)) No. 26 of 2024 be granted .

[4] Mr. T. Momo, learned senior counsel appearing for the respondents No. 1 and 2 submitted that counter affidavit on behalf of the respondent No. 2 had already been filed in connection with the main writ petition and that the main writ petition be disposed of as early as possible to settle the dispute finally. The learned senior counsel also submitted that as per rules and regulations, only the team sponsored by the State Association which is affiliated to the Softball Association of India is permitted to participate in any tournament organized by the Softball Association of India and that as the petitioner association has already been de-affiliated, the team sponsored by the petitioner association cannot be allowed to participate in the said tournament.

[5] On the other hand, Mr. L. Rajesh, learned counsel appearing for the respondent No. 3 submitted that counter affidavit on behalf of the respondent No. 3 has also been filed and in the said counter affidavit, the preliminary issue regarding maintainability of the writ petition has been raised. The learned counsel further submitted that without deciding the maintainability of the writ petition, the present application filed by the applicant is not maintainable. The learned counsel further submitted that the main writ petition may also be disposed of as early as possible to settle the dispute once and for all.

[6] All the objections raised by the learned counsel appearing for the respondents as well as the issue raised in the present application will be decided in the main writ petition just after opening of the **Pooja Vacation**.

[7] Taking into consideration the interest of the players representing the State of Manipur and also taking into consideration the earlier order passed by this court, this court see no reason as to why

the prayer made in the present application should not be allowed. Accordingly, the respondents No. 1 and 2 are hereby directed to allow the players selected by the petitioner association to participate in the aforesaid tournament without any hindrances.

With the aforesaid direction, the present application is disposed of.

JUDGE

Devananda