

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

MC(WP(C)) No. 784 of 2024

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

Manipur Softball Association

... Applicant

Vs.

Softball Association of India & ors.

... Respondents

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AHANTHEM BIMOL SINGH**

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17-12-2024

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

[2] At the outset, the learned counsel appearing for the applicant submitted that the present application can be disposed of by passing similar order dated 27-09-2024 passed by this court in MC(WP(C)) No. 574 of 2024 (Ref:- WP(C) No. 79 of 2023).

[3] 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 in the 37th Sub-Junior National Softball Championship (Boys and Girls) at MA Stadium, Jammu, which is going to be held from 20th to 24th December, 2024. The learned counsel appearing for the applicant submitted that in a similar situation, this court has already allowed the team selected by the Manipur Softball Association to participate in such similar tournament by passing interim order and that since the issue raised in the present application is similar, similar relief can 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 petition and that the main 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 also 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 be also 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 on the next date of hearing.

[7] Taking into consideration the interest of 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

IN THE HIGH COURT OF MANIPUR
AT IMPHAL

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

Kh. Mohanlal Singh

... Applicant

Vs.

State of Manipur & ors.

... Respondents

With

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

WP(C) No. 776 of 2023;

WP(C) No. 777 of 2023 &

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As prayed for, list these cases again on 30-01-2025.

Earlier interim order shall continue till the next date.

JUDGE

Devananda

IN THE HIGH COURT OF MANIPUR
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MC(WP(C)) No. 667 of 2024

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

Manipur Softball Association

... Applicant

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Softball Association of India & ors.

... Respondents

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The counsel appearing for the parties submitted that in view of the subsequent events which occurred after filing of the present writ petition, the present application has become infructuous and the same can be closed.

In view of the submission made above, the present application is hereby closed as infructuous.

JUDGE

Devananda