

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

**W.P. (C) No. 858 of 2025 with
MC(W.P. (C)) No. 176 of 2026 with
MC(W.P. (C)) No. 777 of 2025**

Maibam Somorendro Singh

.... Petitioner

- Versus -

State of Manipur and 3 Ors.

.... Respondents

**B E F O R E
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE A. GUNESHWAR SHARMA**

ORDER

25.02.2026

[1] Present Mr. M. Rendy, learned counsel for the writ petition and Mr. S. Nepolean, learned GA assisted by Mrs. RK. Emily, learned Dy. GA on behalf of the State respondents.

[2] In the present writ petition, the petitioner challenged the cancellation of the election held on 09.03.2025 for the new Managing Committee members of "The Manipur Wrestling Association" and vide interim order dated 31.10.2025, this Court stayed the letter dated 14.08.2025 issued by the Assistant Registrar of Societies, Manipur cancelling the new Managing Committee members election held on 09.03.2025 and also observed that approval of the new Managing Committee shall not be issued without the leave of this Court.

[3] During the pendency of the present writ petition, one member of the Manipur Wrestling Association submitted an application dated 09.02.2026 requesting the Registrar of Societies, Manipur to permit a team of Manipur Wrestling Association for participation in the upcoming Under-15, National Wrestling Championship, 2026 to be held in Tamil Nadu from 27th February to 1st March, 2026. It is stated that Manipur Wrestling Association could not send team in 2(two) previous tournaments held in the year, 2025 and if Manipur Wrestling Association fails to send team consecutively for three tournaments, the

affiliation of Manipur Wrestling Association is likely to be cancelled. In the circumstances, the Registrar of Societies, Manipur filed an application being MC(W.P. (C)) No. 176 of 2026 with a prayer to vacate or modify the interim order dated 31.10.2025 so as to enable the Registrar of Societies to send a team in the upcoming Under-15, National Wrestling Championship, 2026 to be held in Tamil Nadu from 27th February to 1st March, 2026.

[4] Issue notice.

[5] Mr. M. Rendy, learned counsel accepts notice on behalf of the respondent no. 1 in MC(W.P. (C)) No. 176 of 2026. Applicant is directed to take steps for other respondents.

[6] Since the tournament is to be held from 27th February to 1st March, 2026, Mr. S. Nepolean, learned GA submits that it is imperative that the team has to be selected by today i.e. 25.02.2026 so that team with the official will proceed immediately for participation in the upcoming tournament.

[7] Mr. M. Rendy, learned counsel has fairly submitted that this Court may pass appropriate order for sending the Manipur team for the upcoming Under-15, National Wrestling Championship, 2026 to be held in Tamil Nadu without prejudice the right of the parties in the main writ petition.

[8] In view of the urgency in the matter for the upcoming tournament, Mr. S. Nepolean, learned GA submits that the Registrar of Societies, Manipur may be authorized to appoint a Selection Committee consisting of 2 members; one from out 15 members elected on 09.03.2025 and another member from the remaining members amongst the 101 members of the Manipur Wrestling Association.

[9] Mr. M. Rendy, learned counsel for the writ petitioner submits that at least 1(one) member from the new Managing Committee elected on 09.03.2025 may be included in the team.

[10] Considering the urgency involved in the case, this Court permits the Registrar of Societies, Manipur to constitute an adhoc Selection Committee

for the upcoming Under-15, National Wrestling Championship, 2026 to be held in Tamil Nadu consisting of 1(one) member from the 15 members of the Managing Committee of Manipur Wrestling Association elected on 09.03.2025 and another 1(one) member from the remaining 101 members of the Association. The Committee so appointed is authorized to select the players for the tournament & the Registrar of Societies, Manipur is authorized to submit a list of selected players along with officials for the tournament. Players selected and officials may proceed for the tournament.

[11] It is made clear that the arrangement is made only for the upcoming Under-15, National Wrestling Championship, 2026 to be held in Tamil Nadu from 27th February to 1st March, 2026 and it is without prejudice the right of both the parties in the main writ petition.

[12] List these cases on 27.03.2026.

[13] Furnish a copy of this order to the learned counsel appearing for the parties in the course of the day by whatsapp or any other available mode.

JUDGE

Thoiba