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COURT NO.3

SECTION X

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) NO(s). 270 OF 2010

HOCKEY INDIA

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA & ORS.

Respondent(s)

(With appln(s) for ex-Parte stay and office report)

Date: 17/08/2010

This Petition was called on for mentioning today.

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE R.V. RAVEENDRAN
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE H.L. GOKHALE

For Petitioner(s) Mr. Ashok H. Desai, Sr. Adv.
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 Mr. Vikas Mehta, Adv.

For Respondent(s) Mr. Rajshekhar Rao, Adv.

 Ms. Indu Malhotra, Sr. Adv.
 Mr. Liz Mathew, Adv.

 Mr. D.S. Narula, Adv.
 Mr. Ashwani Kumar, Adv.

UPON hearing counsel the Court made the following
O R D E R

Taken on board.

The application filed by the petitioner to implead its Secretary Mr. Narinder Batra as the second petitioner in the writ petition is allowed. The petitioner is permitted to implead its Secretary as the second petitioner. Cause title to be amended.

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Heard Mr. Ashok Desai, learned senior counsel for the petitioner, Mr. Rajshekhar Rao, learned counsel for the first respondent Union of India and Ms. Indu Malhotra, learned senior counsel for second respondent (IOA).

The petitioner has challenged the order dated 5.8.2010 passed by Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (MYAS) withdrawing the recognition granted to petitioner

(Hockey India) and the communication dated 6.8.2010 sent by MYAS to the Federation Internationale De Hockey (FIH) informing them about the said withdrawal of recognition.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that steps will have to be urgently taken for sending the Indian Women Hockey Team to participate in the World Cup to be held in Argentina from 29.8.2010.

Learned counsel for the Government of India submitted that MYAS has requested FIH to allow IOA to field the national team pending resolution of the matter. MYAS in its affidavit states that it wants IOA to field the national team.

But the learned counsel for IOA submitted that it has recognised Hockey India as the Governing Body for Hockey and the team that can represent India in the Women Hockey World Cup is the hockey team to be selected by Hockey India.

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The FIH has categorically stated that the petitioner Hockey India is recognised by it and the team selected by Hockey India alone will be permitted to participate.

It is not in dispute that the team to be fielded is the one that is selected by the petitioner and approved by IOA.

In the circumstances, pending further orders, we permit the petitioner (Hockey India) and the second respondent (IOA) to finalise the Women Hockey Team for participation in the World Cup and take all necessary steps in that behalf for sending the team so that participation of Indian Team in the World Cup is assured.

We make it clear that this interim arrangement is made in view of the urgency and this shall not be construed as acceptance of any of the contentions of the petitioner.

List on the notified date.

(Ravi P. Verma)
Court Master

(M.S. Negi)
Court Master