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SYNOPSIS

After this Hon'ble Court on 03.08.2022 had recorded the consensus among the various parties to first conduct the elections to the AIFF in a time bound fashion and then to finalise the Constitution, the State Associations have attempted to resile from the same, *but indirectly*. The evidence enclosed with this Contempt Petition would show that Mr Praful Patel who had been removed as President of the AIFF has consistently abused his position as Council Member of FIFA to orchestrate a campaign among the State Associations to undermine the various steps taken by this Hon'ble Court for the betterment of football, including having footballers involved in governance and administration.

As recently as on 06.08.2022, the very deponents before this Court on behalf of the State Associations have participated in meetings conducted by Mr Patel where he impliedly admits that letters threatening suspension from the FIFA-AFC have been obtained to "help" them, and that the Government is convinced to seek a review of the order fearing the worst. It is clear that the Government has been misled by the State Associations, as have FIFA-AFC who are ignorant of the duplicitous role being played by Mr Patel.

Although many steps have been taken towards the elections, this Court appointed Committee seeks that measures be taken (as was done in the *BCCI* case) to prevent those who endanger Indian football from interfering with the Court's monitoring of the process.

Hence, the present Contempt Petition.

LIST OF DATES

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| 10.11.2017 | This Hon'ble Court, in the captioned SLP (C) No. 30748-30749 of 2017, this Court while constituting a Committee of Administrators observed that its remit would, <i>inter alia</i> , be to (i) formulate the Constitution of the All India Football Federation in consonance with the National Sports Code and the Model Guidelines; and (ii) conduct elections and ensure the constitution of the Executive Committee. |
| 18.05.2022 | This Hon'ble Court was pleased to observe that the continuance of the Executive Committee of the AIFF beyond its 4 year term was " <i>not in the interest of the proper governance of the Federation</i> ". As a result, the present CoA was constituted to carry on the governance of the AIFF and the governance was to be handed over forthwith. |
| 23.05.2022 | Deposed President of AIFF, Mr Praful Patel sent a letter to FIFA " <i>in his capacity as a FIFA Council member</i> " suggesting that the appointment of the CoA by this Hon'ble |

Court would be interpreted by FIFA and AFC as “*undue third party influence*” and that India could be suspended from both bodies and also jeopardize the Asian Cup Qualifiers in June 2022 and the FIFA U-17 Women’s World Cup scheduled for October 2022.

25.05.2022 FIFA-AFC took cognizance of the situation, following which there were communications sent by the FIFA-AFC indicating that a delegation would be coming to India to satisfy itself about the running of the AIFF

21.06.2022 FIFA-AFC visited India and met with the
to
23.06.2022 Ministry, State Associations, and the CoA.

01.07.2022 Several exchanges with the FIFA-AFC took
to
15.07.2022 place. The comments of FIFA-AFC were also considered by the CoA.

21.07.2022 The captioned case was listed before this Hon’ble Court and during hearing more than 98% of all objections were accepted by the CoA.

03.08.2022 This Hon'ble Court in a detailed hearing inter-alia directed that the elections to the Executive Committee of AIFF should be held expeditiously and shall be concluded in terms of the time schedule which has been indicated in the tabulated statement. At this hearing, keeping in view the communications from FIFA and the need to have a smooth Under-17 tournament under a democratically elected body, all parties agreed to this Hon'ble Court's suggestion that the elections be conducted under a tight timeline, and that the finalization of the Constitution could be completed after a while. This "consensus" is recorded in Paras 5 & 6 of the Order and reflects that it had the approval of the State Associations and the Union of India.

05.08.2022 Joint Letter of FIFA-AFC was sent to the Acting Secretary General of the AIFF. This letter found its way into the press and the national newspapers the same evening. The letter implied that somebody had misinformed FIFA-AFC about the proceedings in Court (as the printed order

had not been out yet), and FIFA-AFC expressed misgivings that the promised timelines had been deviated from without the consent of the State Associations.

06.08.2022 CoA responded to above letter dated 05.08.2022, on behalf of the AIFF, attempting to allay the concerns of FIFA-AFC, and pointed out that there had been no deviation and that the State Associations themselves were part of the consensus decision to finalize the Constitution after the elections were to be held post-haste

06.08.2022 To utmost shock, Mr Praful Patel, ex-President of AIFF, conducted a meeting of the 35 Intervening Member Associations with the express purpose of interfering with the proceedings of this Hon'ble Court and in the said meeting he has impliedly admitted to having arranged for the 05.08.2022 letter from FIFA-AFC. The transcripts of this meeting, which was conducted over Zoom at 11 am on 06.08.2022 has been shared with the CoA,

and in full interest of transparency and accountability, the same is being shared with this Hon'ble Court. Mr Praful Patel with the State Associations clearly shows the foul intention to interfere and obstruct the elections that are to be held as per the timeline and direction of this Hon'ble Court.

10.08.2022 Present Contempt Petition is being filed.

All India Football Federation ...Petitioners

Rahul Mehra and Ors. ...Respondents

All India Football Federation [Through the CoA]
... Contempt Petitioner

1. Mr. Praful Patel
Ex- President AIFF
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New Delhi 110001

2. Mr. Satyanarayan
General Secretary,
Karnataka State Football Association
Bangalore Football Stadium, Ashoknagar,
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3. Mr. Avijit Paul
Joint Secretary
Football Association of Odisha
Barabati Stadium Cuttack, Odisha

4. Lalnghinglova Hmar
Honorary Secretary,
Mizoram Football Association,
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5. Mulrajsingh Chudasama
Honorary Secretary,
Gujarat State Football Association,
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6. Shaji Prabhakaran

President Football Delhi
Dr. Ambedkar Stadium Delhi
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...Alleged Contemnor No.6

7. Subrata Dutta
Chairman
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...Alleged Contemnor No.7

8. Vijay Bali
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JCT Limited GT Road
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Punjab

...Alleged Contemnor No.8

**CONTEMPT PETITION UNDER SECTION 12 OF CONTEMPT OF
COURT ACT R/W ARTICLE 129 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF
INDIA**

TO

**THE HON'BLE CHIEF JUSTICE OF INDIA,
AND HIS OTHER COMPANION JUDGES
OF THIS HON'BLE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA.**

**THE HUMBLE PETITION OF THE CONTEMPT
PETITIONER ABOVE NAMED:-**

MOST RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH AS UNDER-

1. That the Petitioners are constrained to file the present Contempt Petition under Section 12 of Contempt of Court Act r/w Article 129 of the Constitution of India against the alleged contemnors for interfering with the administration of justice by committing gross contempt of the orders passed in SLP (C)No. 30748-30749/2017 in the matter of All India Football Federation vs. Rahul Mehra & Ors. and by attempting to defeat

the purpose of the Supreme Court's supervision of the football federation through the Committee of Administrators [CoA].

2. On 18.05.2022, this Hon'ble Court was pleased to observe that the continuance of the Executive Committee of the AIFF beyond its 4 year term was "*not in the interest of the proper governance of the Federation*". As a result, the present CoA was constituted to carry on the governance of the AIFF and the governance was to be handed over forthwith to it. A true copy of the Order dated 18.05.2022 is annexed herewith and marked as **Annexure P-1 (pp. 21-28)**.
3. It may be noted that there was no communication at the time from FIFA or AFC received by the CoA/AIFF intimating any misgiving with the entrustment of the AIFF to the CoA or to the elections being conducted as stipulated. However, on 23.05.2022, the deposed President of AIFF, Mr Praful Patel sent a letter to FIFA "*in his capacity as a FIFA Council member*" suggesting that the appointment of the CoA by this Hon'ble Court would be interpreted by FIFA and AFC as "undue third party influence" and that India could be suspended from both bodies and also jeopardize the Asian Cup Qualifiers in June 2022 and the FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup scheduled for October 2022. A copy of this letter is annexed herewith and marked as **Annexure P-2 (pp. 29-30)**.
4. Unsurprisingly, a few days thereafter on 25.05.2022 FIFA-AFC took cognizance of the situation, following which there were communications sent by the FIFA-AFC indicating that a

delegation would be coming to India to satisfy itself about the running of the AIFF. A letter dated 03.06.2022 from FIFA-AFC is annexed herewith and marked as **Annexure P-3 (pp. 31)**.

5. The delegation from FIFA-AFC visited India from 21-23rd June 2022, and met with the Ministry, the State Associations and the CoA. After some useful discussions and exchanges, on 01.07.2022 the FIFA-AFC sent a letter dated 01.07.2022 intimating the AIFF about the understanding that the Constitution would be approved for the Member States by the first week of August and the elections would be conducted by 15.09.2022. A true copy of the letter dated 01.07.2022 is annexed herewith and marked as **Annexure P-4 (pp. 32)**.
6. In accordance with the directions of this Hon'ble Court, the CoA had immediately taken on the task of finalizing the Constitution and proceeding towards elections of a democratic body after consulting all stakeholders. There were several exchanges with the FIFA-AFC including emails dated 01.07.2022, 12.07.2022, 13.07.2022 and 15.07.2022 by which time the Draft Constitution was submitted to this Hon'ble Court. The comments of FIFA-AFC were also considered by the CoA, and as noticed by this Hon'ble Court on 21.07.2022, more than 98% of all objections were accepted by the CoA. On the Union of India's submission, the Court at Para 9 took note of the FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup and the fact that the FIFA delegation had mentioned that a democratic body would be in place by September 22. The CoA were also granted liberty to discuss

with the Government's ASG and Joint Secretary. A true copy of the Order dated 21.07.2022 is annexed herewith and marked as **Annexure P-5 (pp. 33-37)**.

7. On 28.07.2022, when the matter was heard next, the parties orally agreed to the need for expedition in elections while allowing some more time over the finalization of the Constitution.
8. Thereafter, the matter came up for hearing on 03.08.2022. At this hearing, keeping in view the communications from FIFA and the need to have a smooth Under-17 tournament under a democratically elected body, all parties agreed to this Hon'ble Court's suggestion that the elections be conducted under a tight timeline, and that the finalization of the Constitution could be completed after a while. This "consensus" is recorded in Paras 5 & 6 of the Order, and reflects that it had the approval of the State Associations and the Union of India as well.
9. Eventually, after hearing and rejecting one objection from the State Associations against the grant of voting rights to football players, the Court finally approved the time schedule for elections while observing that the inclusion of eminent players would be of great benefit to Indian football. The elected body was to therefore be an independent democratically elected one, and completely in keeping with the wishes of the State Associations. A true copy of the Order dated 03.08.2022 is annexed herewith and marked as **Annexure P-6 (pp. 38-49)**.

10. On being unhappy with the inclusion of sportspersons with voting rights in the AIFF, the proper avenue for the State Associations would have been to file an application before this Hon'ble Court seeking a modification of the Order. Instead, what unfolded is as follows:

- a. On 05.08.2022, a Joint Letter of FIFA-AFC was sent to the Acting Secretary General of the AIFF. This letter found its way into the press and the national newspapers the same evening. The letter implied that somebody had misinformed FIFA-AFC about the proceedings in Court (as the printed order had not been out yet), and FIFA-AFC expressed misgivings that the promised timelines had been deviated from without the consent of the State Associations. It also sought a copy of the Order of this Court. A true copy of the letter dated 05.08.2022 is annexed herewith and marked as **Annexure P-7 (pp. 50)**.
- b. Immediately on 06.08.2022 itself, the CoA responded on behalf of the AIFF attempting to allay the concerns of FIFA-AFC, and pointed out that there had been no deviation and that the State Associations themselves were part of the consensus decision to finalize the Constitution after the elections were to be held post-haste. The Order of this Court dated 03.08.2022 was referred to and a copy annexed so that FIFA-AFC may know the true facts. A true copy of the letter to FIFA-AFC dated 06.08.2022 is

annexed herewith and marked as **Annexure P-8 (pp. 51-54).**

- c. The CoA has come to learn that the very State Associations who were before this Hon'ble Court and had given their consent in fact approached some individuals in the Union Ministry with a copy of the FIFA-AFC letter of 05.08.2022 (but not the CoA Reply of 06.08.2022) and created a fear of AIFF being suspended because of non-compliances. There was no consultation with the CoA (although extensive meetings had been held earlier with ASG Mr Sanjay Jain and the Officials of the Ministry) on the response to the FIFA-AFC letter, but at the behest of the State Associations, some members of the Ministry were convinced that the Supreme Court's order ought to be modified.
- d. What is worse, and which is the primary cause for the present Contempt Petition, is the continuing central role of Mr Praful Patel, ex-President of AIFF, who has impliedly admitted to having arranged for the letter from FIFA-AFC, and has conducted a meeting of the 35 Intervening Member Associations on 06.08.2022 with the express purpose of interfering with the proceedings of this Hon'ble Court. The transcripts of this meeting, which was conducted over Zoom at 11 am on 06.08.2022 has been shared with the CoA, and in full interest of transparency and accountability, the same is being shared with this

Hon'ble Court. A recording of the same is also available on pen-drive and will be filed with the Court. A true copy of the transcript of the Meeting of Mr Praful Patel with the State Associations dated 06.08.2022 is annexed herewith and marked as **Annexure P-9 (pp. 55-58)**. A true copy of the Screenshots of those present at the Meeting are annexed herewith and marked as **Annexure P-10 (pp. 59-65)**.

e. The following are some of the shocking facts that emanate from the Recording of the Meeting:

- All directions and decisions, including about convening the next meeting, are by Mr Praful Patel, who has been removed from the AIFF and has no role to play.
- The repeated admission by Mr Patel that “the purpose of the letter was to help the State Associations” reveals that it had been arranged at his behest to interfere with this Hon'ble Court's orders.
- The statement by Mr Patel that “I will come to know what FIFA is thinking also...and what AFC is thinking” reiterates his active role to push India towards a suspension by hiding the true facts from FIFA and AFC.

- The letter dated 05.08.2022 was “given to us yesterday night” implies that the State Associations received it before even the CoA did.
- Some Government officials have had discussions with the State Associations that they would file a Review Petition supporting the State Associations and then the Associations could follow.
- The seven authorized representatives of the State Associations who have sworn affidavits in this Hon’ble Court have played a critical part in the meeting and have been dispatched to do the bidding of Mr Patel.

f. Exactly as discussed in the Meeting, the Union of India has now filed an Application for Modification before this Hon’ble Court and which it seeks to mention before the Court on 10.08.2022 followed by the States who have filed their application.

11. It may be appropriate to submit that the CoA has immediately been implementing the Order of this Hon’ble Court, but has had to face these interferences by third parties which ought never to have happened.

a. A Notice dated 04.08.2022 has been issued inviting Men and Women internationals to submit their details for being included as sportspersons. A true copy of the Notice dated 04.08.2022 is annexed herewith and marked as **Annexure P-11 (pp. 66).**

b. Mr Umesh Sinha has been appointed as the Returning Officer for the Elections by way of a Notice dated 08.08.2022. A true copy of the Notice dated 08.08.2022 is annexed herewith and marked as **Annexure P-12 (pp. 67).**

c. Mr Tapas Bhattacharya has been appointed as the Assistant Returning Officer for the Elections by way of a Notice dated 08.08.2022. A true copy of the Notice dated 08.08.2022 is annexed herewith and marked as **Annexure P-13 (pp. 68).**

12. At this advanced stage, the said act of holding the meeting by Mr Praful Patel with the State Associations clearly shows the foul intention to interfere and obstruct the elections that are to be held as per the timeline and direction of this Hon'ble Court.
13. In the Application filed on behalf of the State Associations in this Court, at Para 9 it is stated that they have authorized 7 individuals to represent their collective interest, which has been communicated by way of their letter dated 07.07.2022. The Application itself is supported by the Affidavits of these 7 individuals who are arrayed here as Contemnor Nos.2-8. Despite having twice agreed before this Hon'ble Court that the State Associations have no objection to the Elections being conducted while the Constitution could be finalized, they have been instrumental and complicit with Mr. Patel in presenting a completely different picture to the FIFA and AFC. Not only should Mr Patel not have been permitted to convene meetings

of the State Associations but their subsequent irresponsible actions have exposed both Indian football and the nation to much embarrassment.

14. The Petitioner submits that considering the conduct of the Contemnors it is clear that there has been a deliberate attempt to interfere with the due administration of justice and to frustrate the orders of this Hon'ble Court without fear for law. The conduct of the contemnors is liable to be dealt with heavily at the hands of this Hon'ble Court in the interest of justice. This Hon'ble Court was faced with an identical situation when the then President of the BCCI attempted to get the international body, the ICC to interfere with the Committee appointed by this Court, quoting the very same issue of "third party interference". As reported in *BCCI v. Cricket Association of Bihar*, (2017) 2 SCC 333, their conduct led to both the President and the Secretary being barred from associating with cricket and for contempt notices to be issued as well.
15. That in the aforesaid circumstances the Petitioner is compelled to file the instant petition so that the alleged contemnors are penalized for the contempt and is not allowed to reap any benefits out of their contemptuous action.
16. The Petitioner has no other contempt petition before thus Hon'ble Court against the Respondents/Contemnors herein.

PRAYER

Therefore it is humbly prayed before this Hon'ble Court that it may be please to;

- a) Initiate proceedings for contempt of court against the alleged contemnors for interference in the administration of justice, and the willful and flagrant disobedience of orders dated 18.05.2022 and 03.08.2022 in SLP (C) No.30748-30749/2017 and to punish them with maximum penalty in accordance with law;
- b) Direct that Contemnor No.1 be barred from participating in and holding any Football related posts forthwith, including and not limited to positions in FIFA and AFC; and
- c) Pass any other appropriate order as deemed fit.

AND FOR THIS ACT OF KINDNESS, THE CONTEMPT PETITIONER
AS IN DUTY BOUND SHALL EVER PRAY.

FILED BY:



Nagarkatti Kartik Uday

ADVOCATE FOR THE CONTEMPT PETITIONERS

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CIVIL ORIGINAL JURISDICTION

Contempt Petition No. _____ of 2022
IN

Special Leave Petition (Civil) Nos. 30748-30749 of 2017

IN THE MATTER OF:

All India Football Federation	...	Petitioners
	Versus	
Rahul Mehra and Ors.	...	Respondents

AND IN THE MATTER OF:

Committee of Administrators, All India Football Federation	...	Contempt Petitioner
	Versus	
Praful Patel & Ors.	...	Contemnors

AFFIDAVIT


I, S.Y. Qureshi, S/O. Sri M.Z. Qureshi, Aged about 75 years,
R/O- 901 Sector 17-B, Gurgaon- 122001, and presently at New
Delhi, do hereby solemnly affirm and state as under:

1. That I am a Member of the Committee of Administrators appointed by the Hon'ble Court in the captioned matter, and I am, as such, well conversant with the facts and circumstances of the case.
2. That the accompanying contempt petition filed on behalf of the Committee of Administrators has been drafted on my instructions and the statement of facts contained therein are true and correct to my knowledge. The same may kindly be



read as part and parcel of the present affidavit, and are not being reproduced herein in the interest of brevity.

3. That the annexures/documents filed along with the accompanying contempt petition are true copies of their respective originals

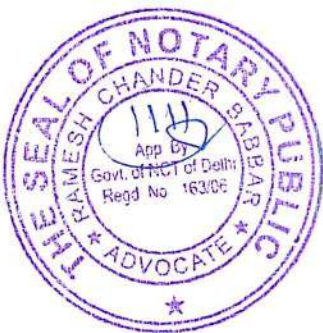
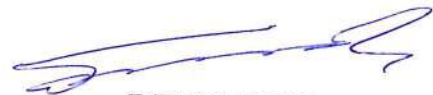


DEPONENT

Verification:

I, the Deponent above-named do hereby verify that the contents of my above affidavit are true and correct to my knowledge. No part of it is false, and nothing material has been concealed therefrom.

Verified at New Delhi on this - 9 AUG 2022 day of August 2022.

DEPONENT

NOTIFIED TO THE DEPONENT
 Mr./Smt./Kmr. S. Y. Anand
 S/o Dr. Sh. M. Z. Anand
 identified by Samir B. S. Adv.
 was solemnly sworn before me at Delhi
 on - 9 AUG 2022 that the contents
 of the affidavit which have been read &
 explained to him are true & correct.

NOTARY PUBLIC

- 9 AUG 2022

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**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
EXTRA-ORDINARY APPELLATE JURISDICTION**

SPECIAL LEAVE PETITION (CIVIL) NOS 30748-30749 OF 2017

All India Football Federation

.... Appellant(s)

Versus

Rahul Mehra & Ors

....Respondent(s)

ORDER

- 1 Application for intervention¹ is allowed.
- 2 By an interim order dated 10 November 2017, a Committee of Administrators² (also described as Ombudsmen), was constituted for (i) formulating the Constitution of the All India Football Federation³ in consonance with the National Sports Code and the Model Guidelines; (ii) ensuring the constitution of the Executive Committee and for holding elections.
3. The CoA has sought the permission of the Court to submit its report. Mr Samar Bansal, counsel appearing on behalf of CoA submits that before the report was finalized, the CoA circulated the draft report to the constituent units to elicit responses. The report has been finalized after taking into consideration the responses which were received.

1 IA 52826 of 2022

2 “CoA”

3 “Federation”

- 4 The CoA, acting under the authority assigned to it by this Court in terms of the above order has sought the permission to place the Constitution for further consideration. The request of the CoA is allowed.
- 5 The proposed Constitution of the All India Football Federation which has been directed to be presented to court in a sealed cover in the earlier interim order shall be circulated to all the parties. Any objection or suggestion to the Constitution, as proposed, shall be filed only before this Court on or before 30 June 2022. Any party desirous of obtaining a copy of the proposed Constitution would be at liberty to email its request to Mr Samar Bansal, counsel appearing on behalf of CoA. Mr Bansal will circulate the proposed Constitution to the parties and to any other constituent unit. Thereafter, all objections and suggestions shall also be emailed to Mr Bansal who shall collate the objections for the purpose of rendering facilitative assistance to this Court. Counsel is requested to prepare a tabulated statement of:
- (i) The parties submitting suggestions/objections:
 - (ii) The nature of the suggestions/objections; and
 - (iii) The inputs of the CoA on the proposed suggestions/objections.
- 6 This exercise shall be carried out by the CoA on or before 15 July 2022 and a tabulated statement shall be placed on the record. The tabulated statement shall also be circulated to all the parties so as to apprise them of the position.
- 7 The elections of the Executive Committee which were held on 21 December 2016 were set aside by the judgment of the Division Bench of the High Court of Delhi dated 31 October 2017. During the pendency of these proceedings, by the

interim order dated 10 November 2017, the operation of the judgment of the High Court was stayed, including the directions which were issued in paragraph 22 of the judgment. The normal tenure of the elected body would, in any event, have come to an end on 20 December 2020. The consequence of the order of stay is that despite the expiry of its four year term, the Executive Committee has continued to govern the affairs of the Federation. This state of affairs is not in the interest of the proper governance of the Federation. Hence, the two member CoA which was appointed by the order of this Court dated 10 November 2017 with a specific mandate to prepare the Constitution and hold elections to the Executive Committee, is reconstituted to consist of the following members:

- (i) Mr Justice Anil R Dave, former Judge of the Supreme Court;
- (ii) Dr S Y Qureshi, former Chief Election Commissioner; and
- (iii) Mr Bhaskar Ganguly, former captain of the Indian Football Team.

8 The CoA shall take charge of the affairs of the Federation and shall carry out the following functions:

- (i) The CoA shall assist this Court and provide its inputs in the course of the present proceedings so as to facilitate the adoption of the Constitution after the objections/suggestions are considered;
- (ii) The CoA shall prepare the electoral roll/college for the purpose of conducting the elections to the Executive Committee in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution, as proposed, subject to such further directions as may be issued by this Court after hearing the parties;

- (iii) The CoA shall carry out the day to day governance of the Federation;
 - (iv) In discharging its task in terms of (iii) above, the CoA would be at liberty to take the assistance of the erstwhile Committee of the Federation which has continued till the date of this order in order to facilitate decisions being taken, *inter alia*, on the holding of tournaments, selection of players and all other matters necessary for the proper governance of the Federation;
 - (v) The erstwhile Committee which shall forthwith hand over the charge to the CoA; and
 - (vi) The CoA would be at liberty to make all appropriate arrangements, for the governance of the Federation, until elections are held.
- 9 The present direction is a temporary arrangement in order to facilitate the holding of elections and the handing over of the affairs to a democratically elected body in terms of the Constitution which will be adopted.
- 10 It is expected that the process of conducting the elections should be completed expeditiously after the Constitution is finalized.
- 11 The CoA is requested to submit its report to this Court proposing the honorarium payable to the three members, together with reimbursement of incidental expenditure that may be incurred for the purpose of the functioning of the CoA. The CoA would be at liberty to take the assistance of or to consult the erstwhile Committee for such purposes as is necessary to ensure the smooth functioning of the affairs of the Federation until elections are held. The erstwhile Committee shall cooperate in all respects with the CoA. The CoA shall be at liberty to issue

appropriate directions in regard to the operation of accounts, funds and payment of expenses incurred for the functioning of the Federation.

- 12 The petition shall be posted for hearing of objections on 21 July 2022.

.....J.
[Dr Dhananjaya Y Chandrachud]

.....J.
[Surya Kant]

.....J.
[Pamidighantam Sri Narasimha]

New Delhi;
May 18, 2022
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ITEM NO.2

COURT NO.4

SECTION XIV

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
R E C O R D O F P R O C E E D I N G S

Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (C) No(s).30748-30749/2017

(Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 31-10-2017 in CM No. 19815/2012 and CM No. 46919/2016 passed by the High Court of Delhi at New Delhi)

ALL INDIA FOOTBALL FEDERATION

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

RAHUL MEHRA & ORS.

Respondent(s)

(WITH IA No. 132863/2020 - APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION FROM FILING TYPED DOCUMENTS, IA No. 136529/2020 - APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION, IA No. 132356/2020 - APPLICATION FOR VACATION OF INTERIM ORDER, IA No. 120057/2020 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS, IA No. 52821/2022 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS, IA No. 25119/2020 - CLARIFICATION/DIRECTION, IA No. 91992/2021 - EARLY HEARING APPLICATION, IA No. 132355/2020 - EARLY HEARING APPLICATION, IA No. 118219/2017 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT, IA No. 131744/2020 - INTERVENTION APPLICATION, IA No. 52826/2022 - INTERVENTION APPLICATION, IA No. 120713/2017 - MODIFICATION OF COURT ORDER, IA No. 118222/2017 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES)

Date : 18-05-2022 These petitions were called on for hearing today.

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Mr. Nagarkatti Kartik Uday, AOR

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

- 1 Application for intervention (IA 52826 of 2022) is allowed.
- 2 In terms of the signed reportable order, the two member CoA which was appointed by the order of this Court dated 10 November 2017 with a specific mandate to prepare the Constitution and hold elections to the Executive Committee, is reconstituted to consist of the following members:
 - (i) Mr Justice Anil R Dave, former Judge of the Supreme Court;
 - (ii) Dr S Y Qureshi, former Chief Election Commissioner; and
 - (iii) Mr Bhaskar Ganguly, former captain of the Indian Football Team.

3 The petition shall be posted for hearing of objections on 21 July 2022.

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(SANJAY KUMAR-I)
AR-CUM-PS

(RAM SUBHAG SINGH)
COURT MASTER

(Signed reportable order is placed on the file)

FIFA

**Praful Patel**

Member of Parliament
President, All India Football Federation
Member, FIFA Council

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23rd May 2022

To,
Mr Gianni Infantino
FIFA President

Dear President Infantino,

ALL INDIA FOOTBALL FEDERATION (AIFF)
UPDATE FOLLOWING THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA ORDER

In my capacity as a FIFA Council member, I would like to bring to your kind attention the below recent developments concerning the AIFF.

On 18 May 2022, the Supreme Court of India issued an order regarding the current governance status of the AIFF, its elected Executive Committee, term clarification, and the appointment of a Committee of Administrators ("CoA").

BACKGROUND

The AIFF's Executive Committee was elected vide elections in December 2016. However, in October 2017, the High Court of Delhi disapproved of the Statutes/constitution of the AIFF and set aside the elections, while appointing Mr. S.Y. Quarishi as the Ombudsman to manage the affairs of the AIFF, amend the Statutes, and subsequently hold fresh elections.

However, the Supreme Court through an interim order dated 10 November 2017, constituted a committee of Administrators (also described as Ombudsmen) for formulating the Statutes of the AIFF in consonance with National Sports Council (NSC)'s model guidelines, while keeping in view the Statutes of the AFC and FIFA so as not to undermine AIFF's position vis-a-vis the two apex football bodies of which the AIFF is a member. The Ombudsmen were to complete their exercise in eight weeks and present the new Statutes to the Supreme Court for consideration. Unfortunately it has been more than three years since.

This was not objected to at that point in time by the AFC and/or FIFA as a duly elected body in the form of the Executive Committee would still be in place to manage the affairs of the AIFF and then fresh elections would have been held on schedule under the new Statutes.

WAY FORWARD

Noting that the appointment of the CoA by the Supreme Court could be prima facie interpreted by both the AFC and FIFA as a case of undue third-party influence/judicial interference, I fear that a suspension by the AFC and/or FIFA will automatically prevent India and/or Indian clubs and players from participating in any international competitions, and deprive the AIFF from receiving much-needed development funds at a crucial juncture of development for the game in India.

Any suspension of the AIFF would also jeopardise the upcoming AFC Asian Cup 2023 Qualifiers, which will be hosted by India from 8 June 2022 in the football-loving city of Kolkata and for which all preparations have been completed. Further, the FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup is scheduled to be held in three States across India from 11-30 October 2022, the first time ever a FIFA women's competition will be held in India, and which is widely expected to boost the women's game in my country.

I would also like to point out that the Supreme Court has expressed a sense of urgency in resolving all the issues by July 2022. I request the AFC and FIFA to not impose a suspension at this stage, but instead to consider this important aspect of the Supreme Court order and enter into a dialogue with the CoA to receive a commitment that the said timelines laid down by the Supreme Court would be respected and strictly followed without allowing for delays on any account.

I also note that the AFC and FIFA have a zero-tolerance attitude towards undue third-party interference/influence and several Member Associations (Pakistan, Thailand, Indonesia, Kuwait, Maldives, Zimbabwe, Kenya, to name a few) have been suspended to restore their autonomy, and that a different standard cannot be applied in the case of the AIFF. I am also cognisant that the aforesaid timelines set by the Supreme Court – though well-meaning and in the interests of an expedited process – may not be acceptable to the AFC and FIFA.

Further, noting that the draft AIFF Statutes prepared by the Ombudsmen/CoA and circulated to the stakeholders needs to be in alignment with the AFC and FIFA Statutes, it is my duty to request you to expedite your feedback to the same, so that all comments can be tabulated per the Supreme Court order and placed before it by 30 June 2022.

3 June 2022
DSWJ/VK/DEV/sou/064

Mr. Kushal Das
General Secretary
All India Football Federation (AIFF)

Dear Sir

FIFA-AFC Joint Mission to AIFF

With reference to the above matter and further to the joint FIFA-AFC letter dated 25 May 2022 (SG/kje/sba/nak/rta/ssa), we are pleased to inform you that AFC General Secretary Datuk Seri Windsor John will be leading the joint FIFA-AFC mission to AIFF from 20 – 24 June 2022. He will be accompanied by the undersigned and the following AFC and FIFA delegates:

AFC Delegates:

- a) Mr. Purushottam Kattel, Head of South Asia Unit – Member Association Division
- b) Mr. Yogesh Desai, Senior Manager, Central Asia Unit – Member Association Division

FIFA Delegates:

- a) Mr. Nodar Akhalkatsi, Director Strategic Projects & MA Governance
- b) Mr. Prince Rufus, FIFA Regional Office Development Manager, South Asia

The meeting agenda and other logistics arrangements will be communicated to AIFF as soon as it is confirmed.

We look forward to a successful meeting with AIFF.

Yours sincerely,

FIFA

Kenny Jean-Marie
Chief Member Associations Officer



AFC



Vahid Kardany
AFC Deputy General Secretary

1 July 2022
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Mr. Sunando Dhar
Acting General Secretary
All India Football Federation (AIFF)

Dear Sir

FIFA-AFC Joint Mission to AIFF

With reference to the above FIFA-AFC joint-mission held on 21-23 June 2022, we would like to thank the AIFF and the meeting participants for managing their time and resources and in unison agree on the timeline that was proposed by the delegation during the wrap-up meeting held on 23 June 2022.

As decided during the meetings, we would like to remind the AIFF that the Statutes agreed upon by the Indian football family to be sent to the AIFF General Assembly for approval should be ready by 31 July 2022 at the latest, failing which the matter shall be submitted to the FIFA Council for consideration and decision.

Likewise, based on our mutual understanding that the football stakeholders in India are best placed to make vital decisions on football matters, FIFA and the AFC expect the AIFF to call for the Special General Assembly to approve the statutes by its Members on the first week of August and we would also like to remind the AIFF that the Elective Congress for the term 2022-2026 should be concluded by 15 September 2022 at the latest, for which the AIFF must send the notification to its Members by 15 August 2022 at the latest.

We extend our best wishes to AIFF and look forward to receiving the agreed Statutes by all the stakeholders before 31 July 2022 to be readied for the endorsement by the AIFF membership.

Yours sincerely,

FIFA


KENNY JEAN-MARIE
Chief Member Associations Officer

AFC



VAHID KARDANY
Deputy General Secretary –
Member Associations

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**S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS****Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (C) No(s).30748-30749/2017****(Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 31-10-2017 in CM No. 19815/2012 and 31-10-2017 in CM No. 46919/2016 passed by the High Court of Delhi at New Delhi)****ALL INDIA FOOTBALL FEDERATION****Petitioner(s)****VERSUS****RAHUL MEHRA & ORS.****Respondent(s)****(WITH IA No. 132863/2020 - APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION FROM FILING TYPED DOCUMENTS, IA No. 136529/2020 - APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION, IA No. 132356/2020 - APPLICATION FOR VACATION OF INTERIM ORDER, IA No. 120057/2020 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS, IA No. 52821/2022 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS, IA No. 25119/2020 - CLARIFICATION/DIRECTION, IA No. 91992/2021 - EARLY HEARING APPLICATION, IA No. 132355/2020 - EARLY HEARING APPLICATION, IA No. 118219/2017 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT, IA No. 131744/2020 - INTERVENTION APPLICATION, IA No. 52826/2022 - INTERVENTION APPLICATION, IA No. 120713/2017 - MODIFICATION OF COURT ORDER, IA No. 118222/2017 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES)****Date : 21-07-2022 These petitions were called on for hearing today.****CORAM :****HON'BLE DR. JUSTICE D.Y. CHANDRACHUD
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Mr. Ritin Rai, Sr. Adv.
Mr. Sanjeev Kapoor, Adv.
Mr. Sahil Narang, Adv.
Mr. Dhritiman Roy, Adv.
Mr. Madhavam Sharma, Adv.
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Mr. Yash S. Vijay, Adv.
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Ms. Ayushi Rajput, Adv.
Ms. Radhika Dhanotia, Adv.
Mr. Utkarsh Pratap, Adv.

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

- 1 We have heard Mr Sanjay Jain, Additional Solicitor General, Mr Gopal Sankaranarayanan, Senior Counsel for the Committee of Administrators¹, Mr Harish Salve and Mr K V Vishwanathan, Senior Counsel for Football Sports Development Limited² (applicant in IA No 98733 of 2022), Mr Rahul Mehra, who is the petitioner in person before the High Court and Dr Menaka Guruswamy, Senior Counsel for the State Associations and .
- 2 In pursuance of the previous order of this Court dated 18 May 2022, the CoA has submitted its final report, together with a tabulated statement on 15 July 2022.
- 3 Mr Gopal Sankaranarayanan submitted that the CoA received nearly 215 comments from objectors, including the State Associations and FIFA-AFC. It has been stated that nearly 98% of the objections have been accepted. Moreover, it has been stated that a delegation of FIFA visited India, following upon its emails dated 25 May 2022 and 3 June 2022, and the CoA has made all efforts to ensure that the concerns of the international body are duly taken care of to obviate any point of friction.
- 4 In terms of the way forward which was indicated in the earlier order of this Court, the next stage would be for the Court to hear the objections and finalize the Constitution. At this stage, we may note the concerns which have been expressed by Dr Menaka Guruswamy that the CoA, while finalizing the Constitution, has travelled beyond the remit of the National Sports Code. This is an objection which will be considered by the Court when the submissions will be heard on the next date of hearing.

1 “CoA”

2 “FSDL”

- 5 Mr Harish Salve and Mr K V Vishwanathan submit that FSDL whom they represent have a pre-existing contract for conducting ISL since 2010 and the contract is to run until 2025 with a further provision for extension.
- 6 The Court would give a hearing to FSDL on whether Constitution, as proposed, duly takes account of pre-existing contractual engagements, including the modalities for the future.
- 7 Mr Sanjay Jain has been assisted in the course of the hearing by Mr Siddhartha Singh Longjam, Joint Secretary in the Union Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, who has also made a presentation before the Court. We appreciate the presentation by the Joint Secretary.
- 8 The Court has been apprised by Mr Jain and the Joint Secretary of the fact that, in 2017, the Men's Under-17 World Cup was hosted by India. On 11 October 2022, the FIFA Under-17 Women's World Cup 2022 is due to commence and will be hosted by India. It has been indicated to the Court that the expectation of FIFA is that the inauguration of the Under-17 World Cup should be carried out under the aegis of a democratically elected body of AIFF. The joint delegation of FIFA-AFC conveyed during the visit in June 2022 that a democratically elected body should be in position in September 2022.
- 9 We endorse the need to expedite the elections.
- 10 Having regard to the legitimate concerns which have been expressed by the Union Government, we direct that the objections which have been preferred to the draft Constitution as proposed by the CoA will be considered expeditiously by this Court. For that purpose, the stake holders concerned shall each prepare a brief note of their submissions not exceeding two pages and circulate them to the counsel appearing on behalf of the CoA by 25 July 2022. The note of

submissions shall be compiled by counsel appearing on behalf of the CoA and shall be circulated to the Court Master for being placed before the Bench to facilitate an expeditious disposal on the next date of listing. The parties shall also share their notes of submissions to avoid any overlapping of suggestions.

- 11 Before the next date of listing, the CoA would be at liberty to meet Mr Sanjay Jain and Mr Siddhartha Singh Longjam so that the concerns which are expressed by the Union Ministry are duly taken care of in the draft Constitution, as proposed.
- 12 List the Special Leave Petitions on 28 July 2022, on the top of the Board.

(SANJAY KUMAR-I)
DEPUTY REGISTRAR

(SAROJ KUMARI GAUR)
COURT MASTER

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ITEM NO.1**COURT NO.3****SECTION XIV****S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS****Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (C) Nos.30748-30749/2017****(Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 31-10-2017 in CM No.19815/2012 31-10-2017 in CM No.46919/2016 passed by the High Court of Delhi at New Delhi)****ALL INDIA FOOTBALL FEDERATION****Petitioner(s)****VERSUS****RAHUL MEHRA & ORS.****Respondent(s)****(With IA No.132863/2020 - APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION FROM FILING TYPED DOCUMENTS, IA No.136529/2020 - APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION, IA No.132356/2020 - APPLICATION FOR VACATION OF INTERIM ORDER, IA No. 120057/2020 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS, IA No.52821/2022 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS, IA No.25119/2020 - CLARIFICATION/DIRECTION, IA No.91992/2021 - EARLY HEARING APPLICATION, IA No.132355/2020 - EARLY HEARING APPLICATION, IA No.118219/2017 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT, IA No.131744/2020 - INTERVENTION APPLICATION, IA No.98733/2022 - INTERVENTION APPLICATION, IA No.98631/2022 - INTERVENTION APPLICATION, IA No.120713/2017 - MODIFICATION OF COURT ORDER and IA No.118222/2017 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES)****Date : 03-08-2022 These matters were called on for hearing today.****CORAM :****HON'BLE DR. JUSTICE D.Y. CHANDRACHUD
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**UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following
O R D E R**

- 1 On 10 November 2017, this Court while constituting a Committee of Administrators¹ observed that its remit would, among other things, be to (i) formulate the Constitution of the All India Football Federation² in consonance with the National Sports Code and the Model Guidelines; and (ii) conduct elections and ensure the constitution of the Executive Committee. Thereafter, by an order dated 18 May 2022, the constitution of the CoA was modified.
- 2 The CoA consists of a former Judge of this Court; a former Chief Election Commissioner who has held the post of Secretary in the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports; and a former captain of the Indian football team. The order of this Court empowered the CoA to provide its inputs to facilitate the adoption of the Constitution of the AIFF under the directions of the Court

1“CoA”

2“AIFF”

after considering suggestions/objections. The CoA was also directed to prepare the electoral college for the purpose of conducting elections to the Executive Committee in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution as proposed subject to further directions of this Court.

- 3 On 21 July 2022, this Court noted that the CoA had received nearly 215 comments from objectors, including the State Associations and FIFA-AFC. The CoA accepted nearly 98% of the objections. The CoA has interacted with a delegation of the FIFA which visited India.
- 4 On 11 October 2022, the FIFA Under-17 Women's World Cup 2022 is due to commence. India is to host the World Cup. FIFA has indicated to the CoA that the inaugural of the Under-17 tournament should be carried out under the auspices of a democratically elected body of AIFF. From this perspective and bearing in mind the legitimate concerns of FIFA, it is necessary to expedite the elections.
- 5 During the course of the previous hearing on 28 July 2022, there was a general consensus that with this end in view the Court should issue specific directions in regard to the holding of elections. The finalization of the Constitution may take some more time since all the objectors would have to be given an adequate opportunity of being heard. However, a need has been expressed uniformly that the holding of the elections should not be delayed any further.
- 6 There is a consensus that the elections should be conducted in a manner which is in consonance with the National Sports Code and the draft Constitution.
- 7 We have heard Mr Gopal Sankaranarayanan, senior counsel appearing on behalf of the CoA, Mr Sanjay Jain, Additional Solicitor General representing the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Mr Rahul Mehra, caveator in-person,

Dr Menaka Guruswamy, senior counsel representing 35 out of 36 State Associations, Mr K V Vishwanathan, senior counsel appearing on behalf of the FSDL and Mr Prashant Bhushan and Dr Amaresh Kumar for the intervenors.

- 8 Dr Menaka Guruswamy, senior counsel has submitted before the Court that the 35 State Associations whom she represents, in turn, represent the interest of 7000 clubs, 700 district Associations and 5,00,000 football players across the country.
- 9 Broadly speaking, the scheme which has been proposed by the CoA for conducting the elections can now be analyzed. For the purpose of the ensuing elections, the electoral college will comprise of (i) representatives of State Federations; and (ii) representatives of eminent players. There are 36 State Federations, each of whom would select one representative to represent the State Federation in the electoral college for AIFF. Each of them would have one vote. Article 26 of the draft Constitution prescribes the term, tenure, age limit and other conditions of eligibility. The CoA has proposed that for the ensuing elections, a list of 36 eminent player representatives will form a part of the electoral college. Initially, it was proposed that a national players' association can be constituted for selecting the representatives of eminent football players, but at this stage, due to the exigencies of time, the representatives of eminent players will be chosen on the basis of their seniority, based on the number of international matches played while representing India. Of the 36 players' representatives, there will be 24 male football players and 12 female players for the first election. The CoA proposes to draw up a consolidated list of eminent players for this purpose within ten days by taking the assistance of existing associations, clubs and stakeholders so as to ensure that the list of eminent players is as comprehensive as possible.

- 10 At this stage, it would be necessary for the Court to deal with the submission urged by Dr Menaka Guruswamy appearing on behalf of the State Associations. The submission is that in terms of the National Sports Code 2011, sports persons are entitled to voting only in the management of national sports federations. In this context, senior counsel relied on clause 9.3(12). It has been submitted that clauses 3.9, 3.10 and 3.20 of the Model Guidelines indicate that State Associations exclusively have the right to vote in the elections to the Executive Committee. Moreover, it has been submitted that the Model Election Guidelines contemplate that it is only the State Associations who would be entitled to vote in the ensuing elections. Hence, it has been urged that allowing eminent players to vote in the elections would not be consistent with the National Sports Code.
- 11 In order to appreciate the submission, we have analyzed the provisions of the National Sports Code. Clause 9.3 envisages that in order to be eligible for assistance from and for continuation of the recognition of government, national sporting organizations must meet several criteria. Included among them is sub-clause xii, which envisages the inclusion of sports persons (say 25%) with voting rights in the management of national sports federations. Sub-clause xiii envisages that elections have to be held in terms of the Model Election Guidelines. Clause 3.9 and 3.10 are extracted below:

“3.9 The membership of the Federation should be confined to the corresponding State/UT and other special units affiliated (like Sports Control Boards etc.) and where Federation grant membership to individual clubs or individual persons, such membership does not confer on such members the right to vote in any of the Federation’s meetings.

3.10 At the National level, there will be only one recognised federation for each discipline of sport. Only the duly recognised National Sports Federation would be entitled to financial grants as admissible. Only one State/UT

Association from each State/UT shall be admitted as a member of the Federation, provided it has a minimum of 50% of the District level Associations affiliated to it. Any organisation of an all India standing and connected with the Sport may be given the status as that of a State or that of a U.T. and admitted as affiliated Member. Other categories of membership may also be given but while each affiliated State/UT Unit shall have a right to cast vote in the General Body Meetings, no other class of Members shall have any right to vote in the Federation's meetings. While granting recognition/affiliation to a State/UT Association, the National Federation should take into consideration the representative character of the State/UT Association so as to ensure that only truly representative body of the game gets the recognition/affiliation."

- 12 Clause 3.9 envisages that membership of the Federation should be confined to the corresponding States or as the case may be, Union Territories and to other affiliated special units. Where a Federation grants membership to clubs or persons, this would not confer a right to vote on them. Similarly, clause 3.10 envisages that apart from the State Associations other categories of membership may also be given, but while each affiliated State/Union Territory unit would have a right to vote in the General Body Meetings, no other class of members would have a right to vote. These provisions would have to however be read together with clause 3.20 which provides as follows:

"3.20 Inclusion of prominent sports persons of outstanding merit as members of the respective sports federations on a tenure basis. The strength of such prominent sports persons with voting rights should be a certain minimum percentage (say 25%) of the total members representing the federation and selection of such sports persons should be in consultation with this Department."

- 13 Clause 3.20 therefore envisages the inclusion of prominent sports persons as members of sports federations on a tenured basis. Their voting rights should

be fixed at a certain minimum percentage, say 25% of the total members representing the Federation. The selection of such sports persons should be in consultation with the Department of Youth Affairs and Sports. In other words, there are two specific provisions which contemplate the inclusion of sports persons. There is on the one hand clause 9.3(12) which specifically contemplates the inclusion of sports persons (say 25%) with voting rights in the management of national sports federations. On the other hand, clause 3.20 also provides for the inclusion of prominent sports persons with a certain minimum percentage of voting rights (say 25%) of the total members representing the Federation. The use of the expression "say 25%" indicates that 25% is only an indicative figure and the extent of the voting rights has to be decided upon deliberation with the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.

- 14 Appearing for the Ministry, Mr Sanjay Jain, Additional Solicitor General submitted that the Sports Code is an enabling document and not a restrictive document. The Union Ministry has specifically endorsed the need for including 36 eminent players who have represented India in at least one international match.
- 15 The National Sports Code cannot be read in the manner of a statute. A holistic understanding of its provisions has to be arrived at in order to effectuate both its intent and purpose. In this backdrop, consistent with the need for the healthy development of the sport of football in India, the inclusion of eminent players who have represented the country would be of immense benefit. The administration of the affairs of football will benefit from the experience, knowledge and concerns of the players themselves. They are vital stakeholders. Apart from the above analyses, we have also taken note of the fact that the model statutes which are being notified by FIFA do also contemplate due representation to sports players.

The CoA has proposed the following time schedule for conducting the elections:

Date	Days from Day 0	Event	Applicable clause of Schedule III
3 rd August, 2022	Day 0	Order of this Hon'ble Court	
12 th August, 2022	Day 10	AIFF to prepare consolidated list of Eminent Players and send to the Returning Officer State Associations to select their representatives and send to the Returning Officer	
13 th August, 2022	Day 11	Returning Officer shall issue the Election Notice specifying the Election Date as determined this Hon'ble Court. The Returning Officer shall scrutinize and prepare the final List of Voters (comprising State Associations' and Eminent Players' representatives as indicated above) forming the Electoral College in Form 1 . The Returning Officer will take up objections raised, if any, and decide on the same within 3 (three) days.	Article 3.4 Article 4.3
17 th August, 2022 to 19 th August,	Day 15 to Day	Nomination Paper proposing and seconding a candidate for	Article 5.4

2022	17	election as Office Bearer shall be delivered to the Returning Officer either by post or in person by the candidate himself/herself only in a period between Day 15 and Day 17 between 11.00 AM and 1.00 PM.	
20 th August, 2022	Day 18	As soon as may be after 1:00 P.M. on Day 18, the Returning Officer shall prepare a list of all nominations received by him, post wise, in Form 3; and publish the same in a conspicuous place in his office and also on the website of the AIFF.	Article 5.7
21 st August, 2022	Day 19	At 11:00 A.M., the Returning Officer shall scrutinize each nomination paper, one by one, received by him, and determine its validity or otherwise.	Article 6.1
22 nd August, 2022 to 24 th August, 2022 (until 1:00PM)	Day 20 to Day 22, 1:00 PM.	Each candidate whose nomination has been found valid on scrutiny shall be entitled to withdraw his/her candidature, from Day 20 until 1:00 P.M. on Day 22.	Article 7.1
25 th August, 2022	Day 23	As soon as may be after 11:00 AM on Day 23, the Returning Officer shall prepare the final list of contesting candidates in Form 6, display a copy of the said list in a conspicuous place in his office and on the AIFF	Article 7.5

website. Returning Officer shall also furnish a copy of the same to each of the candidates / their authorised representatives, if they so demand.

			Article 8.1
28 th August, 2022	Day 26	Where the number of candidates for any post is equal or lesser to the number of posts they shall be deemed to have been elected unopposed.	

		On Day 26, the Poll for the remaining posts shall be taken post-wise, and shall commence at a suitable time decided and declared in advance by the Returning Officer, in the headquarters of the AIFF at New Delhi.	Article 9.1
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28 th / 29 th August, 2022	Day 26 / 27	The Returning Officer shall count the votes and declare the results.	10.1 (counting) & 11.1 (declaration)
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16 We approve the proposed time-lines.

17 For the above reasons, we order and direct that:

- (i) The elections to the Executive Committee of AIFF should be held expeditiously and shall be concluded in terms of the time schedule which has been indicated in the tabulated statement set out above;
- (ii) The elections shall be conducted in a manner consistent with the provisions of Article 26 of the draft Constitution. The persons chosen as representatives shall have to conform to Article 26.

- (iii) This would be an interim arrangement without prejudice to the rights and contentions of the parties;
 - (iv) The interim Body would continue for a period of three months subject to further orders of this Court till the Constitution is finalized;
 - (v) The interim Body shall not claim any equities on the basis of this order and the present arrangement would be subject to further orders;
 - (vi) The CoA shall be apprised of the decisions of the elected Body; and
 - (vii) Each of the associations representing the State/UTs would nominate one representative to the electoral college. The 36 member electoral college of eminent football players shall consists of 24 male and 12 female players. Each of them would be subject to the requirement of having represented India in at least one international match and should have retired from international football at least 2 years prior to the date of the notification of the elections.
- 18 Since the above order is confined to the process of conducting the ensuing elections, all other issues, including the interlocutory application which is filed by FSDL, will be considered separately.
- 19 List the Special Leave Petitions on 20 September 2022.

(CHETAN KUMAR)
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Court Master



BY E-MAIL

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Zurich, 5 August 2022
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Situation of the All India Football Federation (AIFF)

Dear Sir,

We kindly refer you to our joint FIFA-AFC letter of 1 July 2022 which addressed the roadmap agreed upon by AIFF and further participants to the meetings organised during a joint mission held on 21-23 June 2022. FIFA and the AFC further reiterated our positions in our joint FIFA-AFC letter sent on 25 July 2022.

As per the said roadmap, the AIFF was to call for a special general assembly on the first week of August 2022 to approve the new statutes worked upon with FIFA, the AFC and the Indian football community.

Unfortunately, we have been informed that the Supreme Court's hearing held yesterday on the situation of the AIFF allegedly resulted in deviations to the aforementioned roadmap. If this is considered to be true, it would irrefutably jeopardise the mutual understanding which was displayed so far on the steps forward.

In this context, we would like to recall the AIFF's statutory obligations applicable to all of FIFA and the AFC member associations, including the obligation to manage its affairs independently and ensure that its own affairs are not influenced by any third parties (cf. art. 14.1.(i) and art. 19.1 of FIFA Statutes in conjunction with art. 15.4 of the AFC Statutes).

Bearing in mind the above, we kindly ask the AIFF to provide us without further delay with an official transcript of the Supreme Court's decision of 3 August 2022 by 17:00 hours Indian Standard Time on 9 August 2022. Upon receipt of the said documentation and following its in-depth analysis, should there exist serious deviations to the aforesaid roadmap, we would submit the matter to our relevant decision-making body for further considerations and possible decisions based on FIFA Statutes, including the suspension of the AIFF and the withdrawal of the hosting rights for the 2022 FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup in India.

We thank you for taking note of the above and look forward to receiving the AIFF's response.

Yours sincerely,

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General Secretary

06.08.2022

By Email

FIFA-AFC

Ms. Fatima Samoura, Secretary General

Mr. Datuk Windsor John, General Secretary

***Subject:** Situation of the All India Football Federation – 05.08.2022*

Dear Madam Samoura and Datuk Windsor John,

We are in receipt of your above email dated 05.08.2022 and have noted the concerns that you have raised. We were surprised to receive it only this afternoon and were awaiting the printed copy of the Supreme Court Order dated 03.08.2022 in order to apprise you of what has taken place, but we found that copies of your email have already been published in the national newspapers at considerable embarrassment to us. We can understand that it has been made to appear that there has been a non-adherence to the guidelines laid down by you, but regret to say that perhaps the correct position has not been placed before you by whoever gave you the information regarding the hearing.

You may recall that by way your letter dated 01.07.2022, you sought:

- Readying the Constitution by 31.07.2022,
- Members of AIFF to approve the statutes in the first week of August, and
- Elections be held by 15.09.2022.

All the correspondence with you has been placed before the Supreme Court of India and the Court is fully apprised of your concerns, particularly with reference to the Under-17 Women's World Cup. This matter has therefore been treated with the greatest seriousness, both by the Government of India and India's highest judicial authority. You might recall that issues with the administration of AIFF including

questions about the misuse of funds and the presence of ineligible office bearers led to the present intervention by the Court.

We would like to demonstrate how your road map has been complied with by the AIFF.

A. Readying the Constitution by 31.07.2022

The Constitution was made ready and submitted to the Court and the State Federations on 15.07.2022. Immediately after your letter of 01.07.2022, the AIFF has also constantly kept FIFA-AFC in the loop by way of our emails dated 01.07.2022, 12.07.2022, 13.07.2022 and 15.07.2022. You may note that your comments have come in on the drafts throughout July 2022 as the constitution has been finalised, and we presume that the Congress of FIFA and AFC are aware of these developments.

B. Approval by Members

The Members of the AIFF are in fact fully represented in the proceedings in Court and have agreed to the Court issuing specific directions regarding the holding of elections. This is expressly noted in Paras 5 & 6 of the Court's order of 03.08.2022 [**Annexure-I**]. The Members have also approved measures for an early adoption of the Constitution (as has been intimated to you by email dated 23.06.2022) and unanimously assented to them being approved expeditiously, while the elections would be held even anterior to the one suggested by FIFA-AFC. On the contrary, there has been nothing in writing by the Members to suggest that they have any objection. If such a missive has made its way to you, we would be happy to understand the background.

C. Elections be held by 15.09.2022

The Order of the Supreme Court dated 03.08.2022 records the time schedule for conduct of the elections, and shows that the results would be declared by the end of this month. Thus, a new and independent Executive Committee will be in place on 01.09.2022, and it is with them that you will interact. Again, the Members of the AIFF have no misgiving regarding this process and the timelines, and nothing of this sort has been conveyed either to the Supreme Court or the undersigned. Please note that the new Executive Committee so

elected will function independently and **will not be supervised by the undersigned**. In complete accordance with your wishes, **no new member** has been added to the AIFF, though a players association in terms of the FIFA Statutes is proposed.

It is a fact that the previous constitution is still in place, and so AIFF stands constitutionally governed even today. The Order of the Supreme Court dated 18.05.2022 noted that the normal tenure of the elected body of AIFF had come to an end on 20.12.2020 but they had continued to handle its affairs for a further two and a half years with no objection from the Members. Dismayed by this turn of events, the Court directed that until fresh elections were to be held, the undersigned would administer the governance of the Federation.

We have learnt that the ex-president of this Federation, Mr. Praful Patel (who is also a Member of the FIFA Council) had immediately written to the FIFA president on 23.05.2022 following his removal intimating you that a suspension is a likelihood as FIFA-AFC would treat the Court's intervention as a third party involvement. It perhaps would not be appropriate for a person who has profited from presiding over Indian Football for over 16 years without any tenure limits or other controls to suggest that the Federation be suspended merely because he has been removed from post he had illegally occupied. In fact, the third party interference would now take place if the Members' desire to have the Court's timelines honoured is not accepted.

Your abiding concern about the democratic structure is very much shared by us, and is a matter upon which the highest institutions in this Country are giving their regard. Indian Football has a small group of detractors who seek to serve themselves at the cost of the Sport and its players who are dear to all of us. We have faced instances in the past when some of these have sought to mislead institutions and to undermine the proper functioning of the AIFF. In some instances, criminal investigations have been lodged which are obviously unpalatable to those who are the accused.

Please rest assured that the interests of Indian Football are being well served and U-17 Women's World Cup will remain completely unaffected, a fact taken note of by the Supreme Court and upon which guarantees have been furnished by the Prime Minister of India.

In future, kindly write directly to us at any of the addresses below, so that there can be no delay or miscommunication. If there are any further clarifications we can provide, we would be happy to do so.

Sincerely,

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Transcript of meeting called by Praful Patel with State Associations on Saturday 6th August 2022

CLIP 1

Shaji Prabhakaran:The petition in the court and I said we will be filing it, we are discussing, only thing this has to be... *inaudible* ... if the ministry is going to take the same stand. We are going to file it on Monday. So that is just an update I'm giving.

Subrata Dutta: Saaji, do you mean that we the state associations will file a review petition?

Shaji Prabhakaran: Yes, yes

Subrata Dutta: And the government, would they also support us?

Shaji Prabhakaran: Yes they will support us

Subrata Dutta: Ok so they asked us to give a review petition?

Shaji Prabhakaran: Yes Yes

Praful Patel: However, the review petition cannot be filed on Monday. I mean It can be filed on Monday but will it get listed on Monday itself?

Shaji Prabhakaran: Ah Yes, As Mr Patel knows if the government can put its mind then they can. It's only the ACO (ASG?) has to go and put it, that's the solution.

State FA Official: Let the government file it on Monday, we'll file it on Tuesday.

Praful Patel: My suggestion is that all of us instead of discussing, you people who have been dealing with the lawyers, please talk to the lawyer regarding the time frame in which it can be done. Today is Saturday, so between Saturday-Sunday the review petition will be filed and mentioned before the SC on Monday or Tuesday.

Subrata Dutta: What about the FIFA AFC Letter won't the court take cognisance of that?

Praful Patel: That Subroto Da will have to be part of our review petition.

Shaji Prabhakaran: That will be part of the petition.

Others: Ok Ok

Praful Patel: My feeling is, please trust me.... See, I can say only so many things, I cannot speak everything but i can say this much, the purpose of that letter is also to help you.

Others: Yes Yes Thank you!

Shaji Prabhakaran: Exactly, exactly!

Praful Patel: Please trust me is all i can say...

State FA Official: It can be listed for urgent hearing..

Praful Patel: That is why I'm saying the purpose of the letter is to help you.

Others: Right Sir, right sir!

Praful Patel: I am also sitting here for the good of all of you na?

Others: Thank you, thank you!

Praful Patel: I hope with this you can go and take a urgent hearing, and if the government and others support it can be solution, solution can be solved. So my suggestion is let's do it this way, let's not discuss too many things, urgently go talk to lawyer, all seven of you who have been discussing on behalf of all of us, talk to the lawyer, file a review petition or whatever needs to be done based on this letter which you have got. Only way you can file a review is on the basis of this letter also, and also your own objections saying that we're never understanding that 98% of our objections have been addressed by the CoA as reported to the court. That is not the case. Isn't that correct?

Subrata Dutta: That is a blatant lie

Praful Patel: So you cannot file a review petition until you hear from the court. Now the court has given a judgement, based on that you take some facts from what that judgement says, based on to further the letter which FIFA, AFC gave to us yesterday night.. based on that you go and file a review petition... So now seven people please discuss with the lawyer..

Shaji Prabhakaran: Exactly

Praful Patel: And whoever... like Shaji is very well connected in the government, please go and talk to the concerned people on Monday or as soon as possible.

Shaji Prabhakaran: Yes yes Mr. Patel

Praful Patel: I am 100% in agreement that a review petition can be filed and if the Honourable court is understanding of the situation, it will be good for all of us. So my suggestion is first you do this and based on the review petition we will try to talk.... I will come to know what FIFA is thinking also.. and AFC is thinking.. so by 10th or so I will see the evening of 11th we will try to talk again. I will organise this meeting once again. Is that ok?

Others: Ok, Yes, Yes

Praful Patel: But first you all need to go to court, talk to your lawyers..

State FA Official: Yes, tomorrow is Sunday, we have time also, we can meet the lawyers also. Tomorrow or Today

Shaji Prabhakaran: We will do it expeditiously.

Praful Patel: See there is a small committee, better seven of you meet with the lawyer, discuss together and find a solution.

Others: Yes Yes

Praful Patel: See, neither would I ever want India to be banned or suspended, neither would I want anything... only thing in the review petition please take care, the seven committee members, I am telling you again... tell the lawyer that the timeframe prescribed for this election should remain the same...only thing is no players, no individual members.... Only the 36 people who are supposed to be members of the individually elected committees, so be it, that is fine.. because again without elected committee, FIFA will not give you the World Cup also..

State FA Official: Ya and we can accommodate the eminent players also, that is not an issue too, the only issue is...

Praful Patel: In your review petition you mention that the executive committee will co-opt 6 eminent players who are present into the executive committee..

State FA Official: Yes yes, that is good idea, but individual route is not good

Praful Patel: What do you mean it's not good, FIFA will never accept it. Take it in writing.

State FA Official: ok ok In the review petition we should highlight that one!

Praful Patel: My friends there are two powers, one is FIFA, the others is India and Indian Courts, Indian judiciary...

Others: ya, ya, Inaudible

Praful Patel: The Supreme Court order of 2017 was very clear... where the court was understanding and said keeping fifa statues also in mind, not to undermine the position of India in the international.....

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CLIP 2

Praful Patel: Around 10th, depending on.. after examining the whole circumstances, what is happening.... We will talk again.. I will organise... thank you

Others: Alright, Ya Ya thank you

State FA Official: Sir, will FIFA recognise an interim committee?

Praful; Patel: No, FIFA will not recognise an interim committee. And a committee which has to report to a committee of administrators, they will never accept. What is an elected committee, if it has to report to COA ?? Where is the elected committee?

State FA Official: We have to...





























Praful Patel: All these points the seven people who are going to talk to lawyers you keep in mind...FIFA will never recognise an interim committee, fifa will not recognise a committee which has to report to a court appointed administrative body. So all of you discuss with lawyers and then come with whatever the final decision about the writ petition.

Others: Ya, ya

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


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8th August, 2022

Dear Mr. Umesh Sinha,

Subject: Appointment as Returning Officer

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In terms thereof, the Committee of Administrators hereby appoints you as Returning Officer with effect from 8th August, 2022 to conduct the elections in keeping with the proposed Constitution and the Order.

In case of any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me, or any of the Committee members.

Regards,



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Regards,



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Please find attached by way of advance service, a copy of the contempt petition which is being filed in the captioned matter.

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Regards,

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