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Government of India
Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
Dated the 26th July, 2017.

ORDER

Sub: Compliance of the order dated 21.06.2017 of the Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka in the matter of Basketball Federation of India – reg.

Elections of Basketball Federation of India (BFI) were held at two different places by two separate factions. While the faction led by Shri K. Govindaraj held elections on 27th March, 2015 at Bangalore, the faction led by Ms. Poonam Mahajan held elections on 28th March, 2015 at Pune. This Ministry sent observers to the elections of both the factions of BFI. The international body for Basketball i.e. FIBA also deputed its observer for both the elections. However, Indian Olympic Association (IOA) deputed its observer only for elections held on 28.03.2015 at Pune. The results of the elections are as under:-

Elections held in Bangalore on 27.03.2015:-

President : Shri K. Govindaraj
Secretary General : Shri Chander Mukhi Sharma
Treasurer : Shri V. Raghothaman

Elections held in Pune on 28.03.2015:-

President : Ms. Poonam Mahajan
Secretary General : Ms. Roopam Harish Sharma
Treasurer : Shri. Mukut Medhi

2. IOA vide its letter dated 17th April, 2015 had recognized the elections held on 28.03.2015 at Pune. Ministry received a letter dated 26.05.2015 from the faction of BFI headed by K. Govindaraj whereby it was informed that the International Federation of Basketball (FIBA) has recognized the result of the elections held in Bengaluru on 27th March, 2015. An email dated 23.05.2015 from FIBA was also received whereby it was, inter-alia, informed that FIBA has concluded that AGM held in Bengaluru on 27.03.2015 was summoned in accordance with the BFI Constitution and consequently the result of the elections held in Bengaluru on 27th March, 2015 has been recognized by FIBA.

3. The Ministry wrote a letter dated 29.06.2015 to IOA asking them to take suitable steps to resolve the issues for the betterment of basketball sport. IOA was also advised to consult all the stake holders such as both the factions of BFI, FIBA, athletes, etc. As per the directions of the Ministry IOA issued a meeting notice to both the factions of BFI for meeting on 15th July, 2015. As informed by IOA, this meeting was attended by only Ms. Poonam Mahajan faction. Therefore, second meeting notice was issued by it to both the factions for a meeting on 7th August, 2015. IOA informed that none of the meetings were attended by Shri K. Govindaraj faction. Vide their letter dated 27.07.2015 to IOA, Shri Govindaraj faction informed that FIBA has already given clear mandate to the elections held at Bengaluru and that they have been sending teams to events sanctioned by FIBA.

4. Ministry received another letter dated 6th October, 2015 from FIBA whereby it has reiterated its stand on the decision taken by them on 23rd May, 2015. FIBA has also expressed its displeasure on the institutional situation in BFI which is still fragile and subject to unacceptable pressures that hinder the proper development



of basketball in the country. FIBA has also, inter-alia, informed vide its above letter that it will on its end continue discussing with BFI officials to ensure that basketball family stays united.

5. In the meantime, the faction led by Shri K. Govindaraj has filed CWP No. 25560 of 2017 in the Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka at Bangalore praying for early decision by the Ministry in the matter of recognition to the faction of BFI led by him. Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka vide its order dated 21.06.2017, received on 30.06.2017 has directed MYAS to consider various requests of the petitioner seeking recognition from the Ministry made from time to time in accordance with the law and as expeditiously as possible and within three weeks from the date of order.

6. Secretary General, Indian Olympic Association vide his letter dated 13.7.2017 has informed that IOA has granted recognition to the faction of BFI recognized by FIBA (International Body governing the basketball sport) in accordance with the directives of the International Federation of Basketball (FIBA) and honoring rule 29 of the Olympic Charter.

7. Since, both FIBA and the IOA have granted recognition to the persons elected on 27.03.2015 at Bangalore, the conditions laid down in the National Sports Development Code of India, 2011 for grant of recognition as NSF is also fulfilled by the faction led by Shri K. Govindaraj.

8. Therefore, in compliance to orders of the Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka at Bangalore dated 21.06.2017 in CWP No. 25560 of 2017 and taking into account the provisions of the National Sports Development Code of India, 2011, various principles of Olympic Charter under which Olympic Sports are governed and the recognition by IOA vide letter dated 13.07.2017, it has been decided to grant recognition, provisionally for one year, to Basketball Federation of India with Shri K. Govindaraj, Shri Chander Mukhi Sharma and Shri V. Raghothaman as President, Secretary General and Treasurer respectively. In the meanwhile this department in consultation with IOA will also try to facilitate merger of the two factions.

This issues with the approval of Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge), Youth Affairs & Sports.


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