

**WP(PIL) NO: 33 of 2025**

Mohammed Moinuddin Ahmed and Others

...Petitioner(s)

Vs.

The Union of India and Others

...Respondent(s)

Advocate for Petitioners : Mr. P Durga Prasad

Advocate(s) for Respondent(s): GP for Sports
Mrs. Divya Datla (Central Government
Counsel)**CORAM : THE CHIEF JUSTICE DHIRAJ SINGH THAKUR
SRI JUSTICE RAVI CHEEMALAPATI****DATE : 19th February, 2025****P C :**

The issue that has been highlighted in the present petition filed in public interest is with regard to the state of affairs in respondent No.8 – Hockey Andhra Pradesh, which is affiliated with Amateur Kabaddi Federation of India.

For purposes of recognition, it is respondent No.2 i.e., Sports Authority of India as also respondent No.5 i.e., Sports Authority of Andhra Pradesh in particular it is stated considers the issue of recognition in regard to the said association.

It is stated that there have been a number of petitions filed, which are pending still, which involves the issues pertaining to members *inter se* of respondent No.8 as also issues pertaining to the recognition of the said association.

It appears from the record that the Sports Authority of Andhra Pradesh by virtue of its communication, dated 29.09.2023, allowed respondent No.8 to be kept under observation for a period of three years after which it was ordered that the association would get recognition if it follows the National Sports Development Code, 2011. The observation period is to end in August, 2026.

One of the issues highlighted in the present petition is also with regard to the financial mismanagement and irregularities committed by respondent No.8.

It is stated that a representation dated 11.12.2024 was also filed with respondent No.5 which has not elicited any response.

It is stated that only after the end of the observation period, if the Sports Authority of Andhra Pradesh accords recognition to respondent No.8, an intimation would follow to the Sports Authority of India.

In the meantime it is stated that on account of the pending petitions as also the currency of the observation period as fixed by the Sports Authority of Andhra Pradesh, there is uncertainty with regard to the fate of those hockey players who have been participating in sports events organized by respondent No.8 and are in the process of participating in events organized by the said respondent inasmuch as until and unless respondent No.5 grants formal recognition, their achievements in the said sport would not be beneficial either for purposes of reservation in professional courses or for purposes of employment.

There is some merit in what is stated by learned counsel for the petitioner. We would require some clarity on this issue by the Sports Authority of Andhra Pradesh as also the Sports Authority of India as to how the participation of players in the events organized by respondent No.8 would be considered even without there being a formal recognition accorded to respondent No.8 in that regard.

A detailed reply be also filed to the various issues which have been raised in the petition.

In the meantime, the Sports Authority of Andhra Pradesh would consider the representation filed by the petitioner and pass appropriate speaking orders within a period of eight weeks.

Notice.

Service is waived by Ms. Divya Datla, learned Central Government Counsel, for respondent Nos.1, 2 & 7; Mr. Y. Balaji, learned Government Pleader for the Sports Department, for respondent Nos.3 & 5.

Service of personal notice on respondent Nos.R.4, R.6, R.8 to R.15 is permitted.

List on 16.04.2025.

DHIRAJ SINGH THAKUR, CJ

RAVI CHEEMALAPATI, J

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