

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CIVIL APPEAL NO. _____ OF 2025
(ARISING OUT OF SLP (CIVIL) NO. 13847 OF 2025)

HIMACHAL PRADESH BOXING APPELLANT(S)
ASSOCIATION & ANR.

VERSUS

AJAY SINGH & ORS. RESPONDENT(S)

W I T H

CIVIL APPEAL NO. _____ OF 2025
(ARISING OUT OF SLP (CIVIL) NO. 14166 OF 2025)

CIVIL APPEAL NO(S) . _____ OF 2025
(ARISING OUT OF SLP (CIVIL) NO(S) . _____ OF 2025)
Diary No(s) . 25229 OF 2025

O R D E R

1. Permission to file Special Leave Petition(s) is granted.
2. Leave granted.
3. The appellant - Himachal Pradesh Boxing Association and other associates are aggrieved by the interlocutory order dated 25.04.2025 passed by a Division Bench of the Himachal Pradesh High Court whereby certain orders of a learned Single Judge with respect to conducting election of the Boxing Federation of India, have been stayed primarily on the ground that the Himachal Pradesh High Court does not seem to have the territorial jurisdiction.
4. Respondent No.1, who claims himself to be the President of Boxing Federation of India is on caveat.
5. We have heard learned senior counsel/counsel for the parties and record has been perused.
6. It transpires from the impugned order that one writ petition pertaining to the election dispute of Boxing Federation of India is

pending before the High Court of Delhi. This fact has been duly noticed by the Division Bench of the High Court in paragraph 2 of the impugned order. The respondents are right in contending that if every High Court will assume jurisdiction based upon any related or consequential activity that has taken place within that State, it will lead to multiplicity of proceedings as well as conflicting and inconsistent orders.

7. It is in this backdrop that we have discussed the matter in open Court with learned senior counsel/counsel for the parties, who fairly agree that the High Court of Delhi can be the appropriate forum to agitate all the issues. Consequently, we dispose of CWP No. 3714/2025 pending in the High Court of Himachal Pradesh as also LPA Nos. 113/2025 and 187/2025 pending before the Division Bench of the High Court of Himachal Pradesh, with liberty to the writ petitioner(s) before that High Court, to either file a fresh writ petition before the High Court of Delhi or join the pending proceedings. Consequently, COPC No.365/2025 also stands disposed of, as infructuous. Similarly, CWP No.4394/2025 pending in the High Court of Himachal Pradesh too is disposed of, with the above liberty.

8. The respondents undertake not to raise an objection of territorial jurisdiction before the High Court of Delhi.

9. However, in the interest of fairness, we deem it appropriate to bring on record that according to the learned counsel for the contesting respondents, the issue has become infructuous for the reason that the previous international body which had recognised Boxing Federation of India itself has been de-recognised by

International Olympic Committee and that the Boxing Federation of India has now been recognised by another International Entity. Learned senior counsel for the appellants, however, controvert this plea of the respondents. It is not necessary for us to undertake this exercise more so when we have relegated the parties to the High Court of Delhi. All that we wish to clarify is that the parties shall be at liberty to raise their respective contentions before the High Court and the same shall be examined in accordance with law.

10. With liberty as aforesaid, the appeals are disposed of.

11. It is, however, directed that the stay granted by the Division Bench of the Himachal Pradesh High Court shall continue to operate for six weeks. Meanwhile, the parties may seek continuation/modification thereof before the High Court of Delhi.

12. Pending application(s), if any, including application for intervention/impleadment, also stand disposed of.

.....J.
(SURYA KANT)

.....J.
(NONGMEIKAPAM KOTISWAR SINGH)

NEW DELHI;
MAY 19, 2025

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). 13847/2025

[Arising out of impugned judgment and order dated 25-04-2025 in LPA No. 113/2025 passed by the High Court of Himachal Pradesh at Shimla]

HIMACHAL PRADESH BOXING ASSOCIATION & ANR.

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

AJAY SINGH & ORS.

Respondent(s)

WITH

SLP(C) No. 14166/2025 (XIV)

(IA No. 126087/2025 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT)

WITH

ITEM NO. 48

SPECIAL LEAVE PETITION (CIVIL) Diary No(s). 25229/2025

(IA No. 125109/2025 - PERMISSION TO FILE PETITION (SLP/TP/WP/..))

Date : 19-05-2025 This petition was called on for hearing today.

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NONGMEIKAPAM KOTISWAR SINGH

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UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following

O R D E R

1. Permission to file Special Leave Petition(s) is granted.
2. Leave granted.
3. The appeals are disposed of in terms of the signed order.
4. Pending application(s), if any, including application for intervention/impleadment, also stand disposed of.

(NITIN TALREJA)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(PREETHI T.C.)
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

(Signed order is placed on the file)