

AMATEUR KABADDI FEDERATION OF INDIA (AKFI)


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REPRESENTATION BY AKHIL SINGH & ORS IN W.P. (C) NO. 4404/2021 FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE UPCOMING CHAMPIONSHIP AT AYODHYA, U.P.

ORDER

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1. An e-mail was received from Mr. Shantwanu Singh, Advocate at 03:15PM informing that the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi in W.P. (C) No. 4404/2021 vide order dated 12.04.2021 has directed the petitioners therein to make a representation to the Administrator, AKFI regarding their participation in the 68th Senior National Kabaddi Championship (Men) at Ayodhya, Uttar Pradesh. Accordingly, to afford an opportunity to both the parties, hearing through VC was fixed at 06:00PM. Both the parties were requested to join the hearing. Mr. Shantwanu Singh and Mr. Gurbaksh Singh, Advocates represented the petitioners and Respondent No. 6 (Delhi State Kabaddi Association) (in short, DSKA) respectively.
 2. I have heard the ld. counsel for the parties and have examined the documents. At the outset, it reveals that the petitioners have not filed any representation in terms of the order of the Hon'ble Delhi High Court dated 12.04.2021. With the consent of the parties, the Writ Petition filed by the petitioners before the Hon'ble High Court was treated as representation of the petitioners.
 3. Ld. counsel for the petitioners urged that the petitioners are players duly selected by Respondent No. 5 i.e. Delhi State Kabaddi Association (Regd.) (in

short, DSKA(R)) in a trial. They have nothing to do with the dispute between Respondent No. 5 and 6. Being bona-fide players, they wish to participate in the upcoming Championship at Ayodhya. Ld. counsel for the petitioners urged that in similar circumstances, Hon'ble Andhra Pradesh High Court has permitted the players from the non-affiliated association to participate in the Championship. Ld. counsel for the Respondent No. 6 vehemently opposed the prayer of the petitioners and urged that they have no locus standi to file the representation. The petition has been filed at the behest of DSKA (R) (Respondent No. 5). Earlier, DSKA (R) had filed a civil suit bearing No. CS SCJ 264/21 at Saket District Court and had obtained an ex-parte order dated 19.02.2021 restraining DSKA from organizing 1st Mehrauli Kabaddi Championship, 2021. Vide order dated 22.02.2021, DSKA was further restrained from organizing any further Kabaddi Championship under the name and aegis of plaintiff i.e. DSKA (R). However, vide order dated 05.03.2021, the stay orders were vacated by the Civil Court as DSKA (R) had concealed material facts while obtaining ex-parte stay orders. Ld. counsel would urge that DSKA is an affiliated unit of AKFI and has selected its team by conducting trials. The said team has already been sent to Ayodhya for participation in the Championship scheduled to be held from 13th to 16th April, 2021.

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4. Undisputably, DSKA (Respondent No. 6) is an affiliated unit of AKFI and continues to be so till date. The team selected by DSKA for the upcoming Championship has already been permitted to participate. AKFI is not aware about the antecedents of the petitioners, who never approached AKFI for any permission to participate in the Championship. AKFI was never informed either by the petitioners or by Respondent No. 5 about selection of any team for participation in the Championship. DSKA (R) (Respondent No. 5) has not come forward to approach AKFI for permission of the players selected by them to participate in the Championship. It is not clear if the petitioners have been


duly selected as per rules of AKFI for participation in the Championship. Two teams from two different associations, one affiliated to AKFI and the other, a non-affiliated, from a State can't be permitted to participate in the Championship under the Constitution of AKFI and Sports Code.

5. Respondent No. 5 was never recognized as affiliated unit of AKFI. Relevant to note is that DSKA (R) led by Mr. Surinder Kumar and Mr. Surinder Singh, had filed objections against nominations sent by DSKA for formation of Electoral College. Their objections were dismissed vide detailed order dated 17.08.2019 and it was held that since DSKA (R) led by Mr. Surinder Kumar and Mr. Surinder Singh was not affiliated unit/member of AKFI, names sent by it to attend the AGM of AKFI on 01.09.2019 at Delhi cannot be accepted. The names sent by DSKA (R) were accordingly rejected.
6. The petitioners have approached AKFI at the eleventh hour when the team selected by affiliated unit has already been sent at Ayodhya. No valid reasons have been given by the players for not making representation before AKFI at the relevant time.
7. In Andhra Pradesh, there is dispute between two associations, one led by Mr. Veeralankaiah, the affiliated unit of AKFI and the other by one Mr. Srikant and several writ petitions have been filed in regard to the holding of election there. The elections have not yet taken place, despite direction by the Administrator, AKFI. There are allegations of sexual harassment against Mr. Veeralankaiah also. Under these circumstances, the Hon'ble Andhra Pradesh High Court had directed Sports Authority of Andhra Pradesh (SAAP) to select the best team from the players selected by both the associations after trial. The SAAP accordingly conducted the trial, well in advance.
8. It is seen that when the Championships are intended to be held, several rival/parallel associations come forward for participation of their players in the

championships at the eleventh hour. All the arrangements have already been made by the Organizing Committee at Uttar Pradesh. Relevant to note is that similar player was made by West Bengal Kabaddi Association to allow the players selected by them to participate in the upcoming Championship. Their representation was dismissed vide order dated 11.04.2021.

9. Considering the facts and circumstances, the representation filed by the petitioner can't be allowed, and is dismissed.

Dated: 12.04.2021


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