

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF MANIPUR
AT IMPHAL**

W.P. (C) No. 966 of 2025

Khwairakpam Rahul Singh and 26 Ors.

... *Petitioners*

- *Versus* -

Cycling Federation of India and Anr.

... *Respondents*

B E F O R E
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE A. GUNESHWAR SHARMA

ORDER
(Oral)

10.12.2025

[1] Present Mr. N. Ibotombi, learned sr. counsel assisted by Ms. Y. Jinita, learned counsel for the petitioners, Mr. P. Tamphamani, learned counsel appearing physically and Mr. Ramneek Mishra, learned counsel appearing on VC for the respondent nos. 1 & 2 i.e. Cycling Federation of India (CFI) and Mr. Kh. Tarunkumar, learned sr. counsel assisted by Mr. W. Jamon, learned counsel on behalf of the respondent no. 3 i.e. Manipur Cycling Association (MCA).

[2] The present writ petition has been filed by the writ petitioners and representatives of 29 players listed in Annexure-A/6 of the writ petition for allowing them to participate in the 77th Senior, 54th Junior and 40th Sub-Junior National Track Cycling Championship to be held at Rudrapur, Uttarakhand from 19.12.2025 to 23.12.2025. It may be noted that the Manipur team for the said Uttarakhand meet has already been selected by MCA on the basis of 4th Governor's Cup tournament conducted in November, 2025 and the team has already been sent by an order dated 02.12.2025 passed by this Court in W.P. (C) No. 946 of 2025. The plea of the present 29 players is that since they are in various cycling academy established by Sports Authority of India (SAI) at different parts of India and due to the lack of information they could not participate in 4th Governor's Cup. Hence, they could not be considered for the selection of Manipur team.

[3] Mr. N. Ibotombi, learned sr. counsel for the petitioners has pointed out that these 29 players are medalist in various tournament and they are trained by the SAI. Keeping in view of training for Olympic and other international tournament, it is submitted that as an exception these 29 players may be permitted to participate in the coming Uttarakhand Meet as mentioned above.

[4] Mr. Ramneek Mishra, learned counsel for the CFI has pointed out that Manipur team consisting of 16 players and 3 officials have already been submitted by MCA and the same has been approved by this Court vide order dated 02.12.2025 passed by this Court in W.P. (C) No. 946 of 2025. When the matter was listed yesterday, Mr. Kh. Tarunkumar, learned sr. counsel for the MCA submits that it would not be possible for the association to conduct a fresh trial for the players staying at different locations all over the country. In the circumstances, this Court suggested to the learned counsel for the CFI for conducting a fresh trial selection for these 29 players by CFI in association with SAI and the learned counsel for the CFI prayed for 1(one) day time to take instructions in this regard.

[5] Today, when the matter is taken up, Mr. Ramneek Mishra, learned counsel for the CFI has informed that vide letter dated 25.11.2025, the CFI requested to the MOA to conduct a trial selection for Manipur team to be participated in the Uttarakhand Meet which is to be held from 19.12.2025 to 23.12.2025. In response to the request of CFI, the MOA issued an another notification dated 27.11.2025 intimating all concerned to participate in the trial selection to be conducted on 30.11.2025 for selecting Manipur team for the Uttarakhand Meet. It is also submitted that these 29 players listed in Annexure-A/6 participated in the trial selection conducted by MOA under the aegis of CFI and they have been approved for participation. It is suggested that instead of conducting a fresh trial, the players approved in the trial conducted by MOA on 30.11.2025 may be considered, keeping in mind the urgency involved and shortage of time for conducting a fresh trial selection.

[6] Mr. Kh. Tarunkumar, learned sr. counsel for the MCA has submitted that the association has challenged the notification dated 27.11.2025

issued by MOA on the request of CFI to conduct a trial selection for Manipur team by way of writ petition being W.P. (C) No. 946 of 2025. Upon the withdrawal of the request dated 25.11.2025 by CFI vide letter dated 01.12.2025, the said writ petition was disposed of on 02.12.2025 approving the Manipur team selected on the basis of the 4th Governor Cup performance conducted by MCA.

[7] It was also recorded in the order dated 02.12.2025, the objection for the learned counsel for the CFI that the 4th Governor Cup tournament was not intimated to the CFI and the same was not in consonance with the constitution of the CFI. However, this Court allowed the team selected on the basis of the 4th Governor Cup by observing that in future, all the tournaments and trial selections to be conducted by MCA after duly intimated to CFI in advance and CFI will depute the authorized person to oversee the tournament and selection. In the circumstances, the team selected by MCA consisting of 16 members and 3 official has already been forwarded to the CFI for the Uttarakhand Meet.

[8] As already stated above, the intimation letter dated 25.11.2025 issued by CFI to MOA for holding a trial selection, has already been withdrawn vide letter dated 01.12.2025. It is a fact that there was a trial selection on 30.11.2025 conducted by MOA at the request of the CFI. Keeping in mind the time constraints and the efforts of conducting a trial selection for the players at various SAI centres all over India, the result of trial selection done on 30.11.2025 can be relied for a limited purpose.

[9] This Court is of the view that the 29 players selected in the trial selection conducted by MOA on 30.11.2025 may be considered for sending additional team from Manipur in addition to the team already sent by MCA. This Court is conscious of the fact that the intimation dated 25.11.2025 issued by CFI requesting MOA to conduct a selection trial for Manipur team was subsequently withdrawal by letter dated 01.12.2025. Without going to the merit of the request and especially order dated 02.12.2025 passed by this Court in W.P. (C) No. 946 of 2025, this Court intends to use the result of the trial selection conducted on 30.11.2025 to overcome the difficulty of holding another trial.

[10] This Court has considered the trial selection conducted on 30.11.2025 for the limited purpose of identifying the eligibility for the 29 players listed at Annexure-A/6 of the writ petition and the same does not amount to revival of the letter dated 25.11.2025 issued by CFI and revocation order dated 01.12.2025 and the same is not derogation of order dated 02.12.2025 passed by this Court in W.P. (C) No. 946 of 2025.

[11] In the conclusion, keeping in view of the peculiar facts and circumstances of the case, this Court approves the 29 players listed in Annexure-A/6 who have already participated and approved in the trial selection conducted by MOA on 30.11.2025 and 2(two) Technician namely, (i) Mr. Usham Ashok Singh and (ii) Mr. Yumnam Meghachandra Singh as additional team from Manipur in addition to the already sent 16 members team by the MCA by extending the last date for submissions.

[12] The list of 29 players and the name of 2(two) officials are reproduced below:

Sl. No.	Name of Riders (In Block Letters)	Father's Name (In Block Letters)	Date of Birth	(Sr./Jr./Sub Junior)
1.	KHWAIRAKPAM RAHUL SINGH	KHWAIRAKPAM NARA SINGH	07-05-2003	Man- Elite
2.	ELANGBAM LANCHENBA SINGH	ELANGBAM BINO SINGH	03-04-2002	Man-Elite
3.	MAYANGLAMBA WATTABA MEITEI	MAYANGLAMBAM MANIHAR MEITEI	01-11-2006	Man-Elite
4.	WAHENGAM BIDYANANDA	WAHENGAM SARAT SINGH	03-02-2006	Man-Elite
5.	HEISNAM PREMIKA CHANU	HEISNAM KUNJABI SINGH	03-03-2005	Women- Elite
6.	YUREMBAM GITU DEVI	YUREMBAM JEETEN SINGH	22-11-2005	Women- Elite
7.	DAYA KEISHAM	KEISHAM BASANTA SINGH	25-09-2007	Junior Boys
8.	LAISHRAM PREM SINGH	LAISHRAM ROMESH SINGH	03-02-2008	Junior Boys
9.	HUIRONGBAM THAJAMANBI CHANU	HUIRONGBAM ICHA MEITEI	02-03-2007	Junior Girls
10.	YUMNAM SUSHIL	YUMNAM BASAN SINGH	03-02-2009	Sub-Junior Boys

11.	JEIS THOKCHOM	JEFFERSON THOKCHOM	31-03-2009	Sub-Junior Boys
12.	YUMNAM DEVJIT SINGH	YUMNAM IBOMCHA SINGH	01-02-2010	Sub-Junior Boys
13.	NARENGBAM MAX SINGH	N. BIDYASAGAR SINGH	18-06-2008	Sub-Junior Boys
14.	HEIKRUJAM LAMJINGBA	HEIKRUJAM BANGKA SINGH	01-02-2009	Sub-Junior Boys
15.	SAIKHOM FLORENCE DEVI	SAIKHOM GANGA SINGH	26-05-2010	Sub-Junior Girls
16.	THAODEM KHRISTINA DEVI	THAODEM RAMESOR SINGH	09-01-2010	Sub-Junior Girls
17.	USHAM SANDHYA DEVI	USHAM BOYPU SINGH	18-07-2010	Sub-Junior Girls
18.	KHONGBANTABAM LINTHOINGANBI	KHONGBANTABAM JANJIT	23-10-2010	Sub-Junior Girls
19.	TARUNKUMARI THOKCHOM	THOKCHOM SANJOY SINGH	01-04-2009	Sub-Junior Girls
20.	WAHENGAM THOIHENBA MEITEI	WAHENGAM SARAT SINGH	01-02-2012	Youth Boys
21.	JINGKU YANGLEM	AJIT SINGH	04-03-2011	Youth Boys
22.	CHUNGKHAM HEMBA	CHUNGKHAM OJIT SINGH	03-01-2011	Youth Boys
23.	CHUNGKHAM MANGALMISSION SINGH	CHUNGKHAM BIJOY	09-04-2011	Youth Boys
24.	POIREINGANBA CHANAMBAM	CHANAMBAM RANJIT SINGH	01-02-2012	Youth Boys
25.	NARENGBAM MAXSON SINGH	BIDYASAGAR SINGH	03-05-2011	Youth Boys
26.	NAOREM ALICE DEVI	NAOREM DILIP SINGH	02-03-2011	Youth Girls
27.	VICTORIA HUIREM	HUIREM JITEN SINGH	26-01-2012	Youth Girls
28.	SAPAM MALEMLEIMA CHANU	SAPAM NITYAICHAND MEITEI	13-03-2013	Youth Girls
29.	SERAM LINTHOI CHANU	SERAM LOKESH SINGH	01-04-2013	Youth Girls

Officials:

Sl. No.	Name of Official (In Block Letters)	Father's Name (In Block Letters)	Date of Birth	Designation
1.	USHAM ASHOK SINGH	USHAM KHRISHNA SINGH	01-04-1987	TECHNICIAN
2.	YUMNAM MEGHACHANDRA SINGH	YUMNAM DIJAMANI SINGH	07-11-1990	TECHNICIAN

[13] This order is passed considering the peculiar facts of the present case and shall not be a precedent in future.

[14] Registry is directed to furnish a copy of this order to the learned counsel appearing on behalf of the CFI and the same shall be considered as submission of additional team from Manipur without requiring any further endorsement from any authority and the CFI is requested to take special care for the Manipur team in view of the increased number of participants. The digitally signed copy of this order be given to the learned counsel for CFI in the course of the day by Whatsapp.

[15] Before concluding, this Court expresses its appreciation to the efforts made by the learned counsel appearing for the parties especially, Mr. Ramneek Mishra, learned counsel appearing on behalf of the CFI for enabling additional team from Manipur to participate in the Uttarakhand meet as a special case, keeping the interest of players.

[16] With these observations, the W.P. (C) No. 966 of 2025 is disposed of.

[17] Furnish a copy of this order to the learned counsel appearing for the parties through Whatsapp or any other available mode.

JUDGE

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