



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 19-08-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE D.BHARATHA CHAKRAVARTHY

WP No. 30877 of 2026

and

W.M.P.No.33929, 33931 & 33953 of 2026

C.Edveen Arokiaraj

..Petitioner

Vs

1. The Secretary to Government,
Sports and Youth Affairs Department,
Government of Puducherry,
Chief Secretariat, Puducherry-605 001.
2. The Director,
Directorate of Sports and Youth Affairs,
Government of Puducherry,
III Floor, 'B' Block,
Perunthulaivar Kamarajar,
Centenary Educational Complex, Anna Nagar,
Puducherry-605 005.
3. The Administrative Officer,
Sports Development Authority of
Puducherry (SDAP),
Indira Gandhi Sports Complex, Uppalam,
Puducherry-605 001.
4. The Convenor,
Centralised Admission Committee (CENTAC)
Directorate of Higher and Technical Education
Kamarajar Manimandapam Campus,
Puducherry-605 008.
5. The Secretary,
Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports,
Department of Sports, Government of India
Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi-110 001.



6. Roller Skating Federation of India (RSFI)
Represented by its General Secretary,
Dr.Bhagirath Kumar Dadhich,
30-5-24/10, Krishna Gardens
Dabagardens, Visakhapatnam-530 020.
7. Mr.Pratap
Joint secretary, Roller Skating Federation of
India (RSFI) and President,
Tamil Nadu Roller Skating Association,
No.96, Pantheon Road, Egmore,
Chennai-600 008.
8. Pondicherry Roller Skating Association (PRSA)
Rep. by its erstwhile Office Bearers,
Through MR Thomas, No.100,
Kamarajar salai
Puducherry-605 011.

..Respondents

Prayer: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for the issuance of Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus, calling for the records relating to the proceedings of the 2nd respondent in No.900/DSYA/CPGRAMS/SI/245 dated 27.07.2026 quash the same and consequently permit consideration and recognition of the Merit certificate issued by the 6th respondent in connection with the 63rd National Roller Skating Championship on the basis of the official records maintained by the Ministry of Youth Affairs, & Sports, Government of India for the purpose of educational admissions, sports quota benefits and allied statutory benefits, including proceedings by the 4th respondent CENTAC, subject to verification of authenticity.

For Petitioner: Mr.M. Santhanamari

For Respondent: Mr.Ramaswamy Meyyappan
Additional Government Pleader
(Puducherry) for R1 to R4



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Mr.V.Chandrasekaran
Senior Panel Counsel for R5

Mr.E.Ahilan Adalarasu for R6

No appearance for R7

Mr.R.Vijayakumar for R8

ORDER

This writ petition is filed for certiorarified mandamus calling for the records relating to the impugned order No.900/DSYA/CPGRAMS/SI/245 dated 27.07.2026 and to quash the same and consequently permit the consideration and recognition of the merit certificates issued by the 6th respondent in connection with the 63rd National Roller Skating Championship on the basis of the official records maintained by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India, for the purpose of educational admissions and sports quota benefits and allied statutory benefits.

2. Upon hearing the learned counsel for the petitioner and perusing the affidavit filed in support of the writ petition, it is the case of the petitioner that he is a meritorious sports person having participated in various events relating to roller skating. Specifically, he has participated in the National Championship event conducted at Visakhapatnam in December 2025. Accordingly, when the petitioner is now participating in the selection before CENTAC, Puducherry, for



admission into various courses, merely because he is not issued with the relevant Form-II, no credit has been given to the petitioner in respect of the said participation and winning the silver medal at the National event.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that having participated in an event, merely because there are disputes with reference to who is the office bearer, the petitioner is now being put to prejudice and therefore, this Court should set aside the impugned order which is passed by the Directorate of Sports and Youth Affairs, Puducherry, which denied the benefit to the petitioner and consequently direct the respondents to issue Form-II so that the petitioner's case can be considered under the meritorious sports persons quota.

4. Per contra, the learned Additional Government Pleader appearing on behalf of the Sports Development Authority of Puducherry would submit that in this case, there was a dispute that arose with reference to the National Association, namely, the Roller Skating Federation of India. The matter came to be filed before the Delhi High Court by way of W.P. (Civil) No.5002 of 2026. When the matter was pending before the Delhi High Court, some associations filed different writ petitions in various jurisdictions and got interim orders and for the year 2025–2026, national competitions were conducted by different factions at Puducherry, Visakhapatnam and Kerala. Therefore, there is an issue



with reference to which of the three tournaments is to be recognised as a National event. This apart, when the General Secretary of the National Federation was under suspension, with reference to the State Association of the Puducherry Union Territory, he also appointed an *ad hoc* committee. There is also a dispute between the original elected President and also between the *ad hoc* committee as far as Puducherry is concerned. Both of them are claiming rights to issue Form -II and the Government and the CENTAC are not in a position to recognise any one of them as being entitled to give Form-II.

5. *Mr.V.Chandrasekaran*, the learned Senior Panel Counsel appearing on behalf of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, on instructions, by placing on record the written submissions, would submit that, as far as the Government of India is concerned, the call should be taken only by the concerned autonomous national institution and the State institution functioning under the same. As far as the facts are concerned, the Delhi High Court had passed the orders in W.P. (Civil) No.5002 of 2026. Pursuant thereto, learned retired Judge, Honourable Justice Mool Chand Garg, was appointed to conduct the elections and the elections were duly conducted and the list of office bearers submitted in Form-15 is also duly recognised by the Government of India. The list is also furnished and the said office bearers are the office bearers of the National Association as on date.



6. The learned counsel appearing on behalf of the 8th respondent, namely, the Puducherry Roller Skating Association, represented through its office bearer, *Mr.MR. Thomas*, would submit that this Court should consider the order passed by the High Court of Kerala in the same issue in W.P. (Civil) No.24617 of 2026 in paragraphs 7 to 9, which is extracted hereunder for ready reference.

“7. Since the 4th respondent is seriously disputing the right of the person who is presently acting as the General Secretary, there is a possibility that the dispute may transform into a situation where even the very conduct of the selection trials could be jeopardised. In such circumstances, it is necessary to provide a clarification.

8. A perusal of the Memorandum of Rules and Regulations of the Roller Skating Federation of India indicates that the said Federation shall consist of an Executive Committee, the meetings of which shall be presided over and conducted by the President, who shall be entitled to take decisions on matters of an emergent nature, subject to intimation being given to the Executive Committee.

9. Having regard to the nature of powers vested in the Executive Committee as well as the President, this Court is of the view that, to avoid any confusion, the selection trials shall be organised by the Roller Skating Federation of India under the supervision and conduct of the President, the third respondent.”

7. Thus, prospectively, the issue has been sorted out and accordingly, the competitions are being held.

8. I have considered the rival submissions made on either side and perused the material records of the case.



9. It can be seen that, as far as the National Association is concerned, the impasse is resolved and the office bearers are zeroed in and the following is the list of office bearers as submitted by the learned counsel appearing on behalf of the Union of India. The same is recorded.

ROLLER SKATING FEDERATION OF INDIA (INDIA SKATE)
ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS & MANAGING COMMITTEE OF RSFI
FORM 15
DECLARATION OF RESULTS

I, the Returning Officer for the above elections, hereby declare, subject to the provisions of Rule(4)(a)(II) of the Rules and Regulations of Olympic Committee of India, the following candidates as duly elected to the post(s) mentioned against their names:-

Name of Post	Name(s) of Elected Candidate(s)
PRESIDENT	TULSI RAM AGARWAL
VICE PRESIDENT	REJI ABRAHAM
VICE PRESIDENT	BALWINDERJIT SINGH
VICE PRESIDENT	SEBASTIAN PREAM C.
VICE PRESIDENT	P K SINGH
VICE PRESIDENT	KISHORE KUMAR BHANDARI
VICE PRESIDENT	SANJEEV BHATNAGAR
GENERAL SECRETARY	D BHAGIRATH KUMAR
TREASURER	MANISH SHARMA
JOINT SECRETARY	R PARTAP KUMAR
JOINT SECRETARY	JITENDRA DHINGRA
JOINT SECRETARY	D S RATHORE
JOINT SECRETARY	INDUDHAR SEETARAM
JOINT SECRETARY	MILINDRA N DESAI
EC MEMBER	TATHEER ZAHRA
EC MEMBER	DHRUBAJIT SARMA
EC MEMBER	ASHOK BHARUKA
EC MEMBER	R THOMAS
EC MEMBER	YOGENDRA KHATRI
EC MEMBER	M V RAMAKRISHNA

Place : DELHI
Date : 24/05/2025



10. Pursuant thereto, now it is for the National Association to resolve the issue with reference to the State Associations as per their law and procedure. In the interregnum, it is also submitted that pursuant to the orders of the Kerala High Court stated above, the selection trial, etc., for the World Skating Games are all properly now being held without any competition from the office bearers but only promoting appropriate competition from among the participants. However, the problem of the petitioner alone now survives, whereby it is to be decided as to which of the Nationals that was conducted by the various groups is to be recognised as the concerned National event for the year 2025–2026 and, if the Visakhapatnam tournament is recognised, then the petitioner will be entitled for a Form-II to be issued.

11. In view thereof, since the Association, as far as Puducherry is concerned, there is a dispute which is yet to be resolved, taking this as an extraordinary case, let the Roller Skating Federation of India/6th respondent represented by its General Secretary, *D. Bhagirath Kumar Dadhich*, consider the issue of grant of Form-II for the petitioner. It will be open for the 6th respondent, to consider the case of the petitioner with reference to the National Roller Skating Championship for the year 2025–26 and pass appropriate orders recognising the tournaments, where it can be considered as a National tournament and if the petitioner's tournament can be considered, a Form-II



certificate shall be issued by the National Association itself instead of relegating the matter to the State Association.

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12. Upon receipt of the web copy of the order, let the petitioner send a representation through email to the 6th respondent and can also follow up the same telephonically or by other means. The 6th respondent shall act on the web copy of the order since there are only two more working days left for the CENTAC to finally categorise the petitioner under the sports quota. Immediate orders forthwith shall be passed and the result be communicated to the petitioner. If the Form-II certificate is granted, the same shall also be emailed to the petitioner so that the petitioner can produce the same before the CENTAC.

13. In view thereof, this writ petition stands *disposed of*. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petitions are also closed. No costs.

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Neutral Citation: Yes/No

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