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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**

CNR No. DLHC010384072026

+ **W.P.(C) 11935/2026 & CM APPL. 55316/2026**

SHUBH CHOWDHARI THROUGH HIS FATHER Petitioner

Through: **Ms. Manini Brar and Ms. Muskaan Chawla, Advocates**

versus

EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION OF INDIA & ORS. Respondents

Through: **Ms. Niyati Kohli and Mr. Rishabh Parikh, Advocates for R-1**
Mr. Vishal Singh, Mr. Paras Joshi and Mr. Rajneesh Ranjan, Advocates for Indian Olympic Association

CORAM:

HON'BLE DR. JUSTICE SWARANA KANTA SHARMA

ORDER

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18.08.2026

1. By way of the instant petition, the petitioner seeks following reliefs:

- "A. Quash and set-aside the Selection Decision dated 6 August 2026 and the Announcement of Selection dated 10 August 2026 issued by Respondent No.1 or its committees, and any other notification, public announcement or communication issued by any Respondents, or any government authority or ministry on the basis of these decisions.
- B. Direct Respondent No.1 to carry out a fresh selection of the horse rider and reserve rider, based on already submitted results by the Petitioner and Respondents No.1 and 2, for the Show Jumping competition at the Youth Olympic Games 2026 in accordance with the selection criteria previously published by it, such that consistency of performance based on penalty in the



latest competitions at a fixed minimum height of 130 cms, is used for ranking the best athlete.

- C. Declare that the Petitioner is in fact first in the list of riders who qualify as per the selection criteria published by Respondent No.1, and is therefore the selected rider for the Youth Olympic Games 2026.
- D. Direct all Respondents and any other government authority or ministry involved in the process of selection of riders for the High Jump competition and / or in the process of sending them to the Youth Olympic Games 2026 give effect to the directions of this Hon'ble Court and selection of the Petitioner as the eligible rider.
- E. Grant ex-parte, ad interim reliefs to give effect to the prayers made above..."

2. Issue notice. The learned counsel appearing on advance notice on behalf of respondent no. 1 and IOA accepts notice.

3. On instructions, the learned counsel appearing on behalf of the respondents submits that the representation filed by the petitioner is pending. However, the learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner submits that the committee in question is not a properly constituted committee.

4. After hearing learned counsels appearing on behalf of the parties and in view of the issue involved in the instant petition, this Court finds it appropriate to direct that the representation filed by the petitioner be decided within two weeks, under intimation to the petitioner herein.

5. In case the representation is decided against the present petitioner, the names of other applicants be withheld for a period of three days to give an opportunity to the petitioner to file a fresh writ petition to challenge the said decision.

6. In above terms, the present petition stands disposed of, with liberty to approach this Court again in case of any further grievance.



7. The order be uploaded on the website forthwith.

DR. SWARANA KANTA SHARMA, J

AUGUST 18, 2026/ns

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