



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CM-19680-CWP-2024 in
RA-CW-508-2024 in
CWP-26785-2023
Date of decision: 12.09.2025

RAM DIYA ATTRI

.....Petitioner

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA AND OTHERS

.....Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VINOD S. BHARDWAJ

Present: - Mr. Amit Jhanji, Senior Advocate with
Mr. Abhinav Sood, Advocate and
Ms. Eliza Gupta, Advocate
for review applicant-respondent/U.T. Chandigarh.

Mr. Sudhir Nar, Senior Panel Counsel
For respondent No.1-Union of India.

Mr. Amrinder Singh, Advocate
for respondent No.2-All India Football Federation.

Mr. Ram Diya Attri, non-applicant-petitioner in person.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

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Application is allowed as prayed for and additional document
are taken on record as Annexures A-3 to A-6.

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The instant application has been filed under order XLVII Rule 1



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read with Section 114 of the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 for seeking review of the order dated 19.11.2024.

Learned Senior Counsel appearing on behalf of review-applicant/respondent-U.T. Chandigarh contends that the controversy in the present case pertains to an invitational tournament i.e. the 19th Administrator's Challenge Cup which commenced from 22.11.2023 to 01.12.2023 and the same is not a recognized tournament by the National Sport Federation (AIFF) and is only a friendly/invitational tournament. The petitioner filed his writ petition before this Court seeking compliance with the National Code Against Age Fraud in Sports and seeking compliance of the AIFF Skeletal Maturity Determination Program Guidelines for the aforesaid invitational tournament. The said petition was allowed and a direction was issued to the Administration to ensure that the guidelines as contained in the National Sports Code Against Age Fraud in Sports and as forwarded vide letter dated 19.03.2010 are properly implemented.

He contends that the Counsel appearing on behalf of the applicant-respondent could not apprise this Court, at the time of the argument, that the tournament was a friendly/invitational tournament and as per the communication received from AIFF, the same is not countenanced for any rankings. Consequently, the methodology for age determination had no relevancy. He further contends that as many as 05 other writ petitions i.e. CWP-1117-2024; CWP-10283-2025; CWP-11424-2024; CWP-13671-2024 and CWP-7746-2024 have been instituted by or through the petitioner which



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are pending consideration before this Court and involve similar issue and the same are still pending. He submits that a specific affidavit had been filed by the respondent-U.T. Chandigarh, through Director Sport, Chandigarh Administration wherein it was averred that the Tanner Whitehouse 3 (TW3) test is not being carried out for tournaments for under 17 category. It is also stated that the All India Football Federation had already sent a letter dated 05.06.2024 to the petitioner herein conveying that the TW-3 test for determining age is excluded in the boys under 17 category for the AIFF youth competitions, in view of the specific medical guidelines since the full skeletal maturity at the wrist and hands typically takes place at 17 years of age and the system evaluates the maturity only upto 16.5 years. Since the reliable rating can only be pointed out upto 16.5 years, hence, the AIFF consciously opted to exclude the TW-3 test for the boys in the under 17 category. He submits that notwithstanding the aforesaid communication having been addressed to the petitioner himself, the said fact was not pointed out by the petitioner to this Court at the time of adjudication.

Responding to the above, the non-applicant-petitioner in person contends that the 20th Administrators' Challenge Cup was not an open tournament and all clubs/associations across India were invited to participate in the said tournament. He submits that as per the guidelines issued by the AIFF, all such tournaments have to prescribe to the National Code Against Age Fraud in Sports.

I have heard learned Counsel for the parties and have gone



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through the documents appended along with the present petition.

Taking into consideration that five other writ petitions wherein identical prayer has been made by the petitioner are already pending before this Court and are now listed for 12.11.2025 and considering that vital communication and the letter of the All India Football Federation had not been brought to the notice of this Court at the time of passing of the order under review, the matter would require fresh consideration in light of the said material and facts. The **review application is allowed**. The judgment dated 19.11.2024 is re-called. The main case is restored to its original number for hearing.

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List as per roster.

SEPTEMBER 12, 2025
Vishal Sharma

**(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No