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

+ W.P.(C) 457/2025 and CM APPL. 2165/2025 (Stay)

UTTARAKHAND POWERLIFTING ASSOCIATION.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Vivek Singh and Mr. Ritik Dwivedi, Advs.

versus

UNION OF INDIA & ORS.

.....Respondents

Through: Mr. Nishant Gautam, CGSC, Mr. Rajat R. Singh, GP and Mr. Vipul Kumar, Mr. Vipul Verma, Advs. for R-1/UOI.

Mr. Vikash Singh and Mr. Ujjwal Chaudhary, Advs. for R-2/IOA.

Mr. Kaushal Gautam, AAG, Mr. Mrinal Sharma, Ms. Varshika Singh and Ms. Snehpreet Kaur, Advs. for R-3 State of Uttarakhand.

**CORAM:**

**HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SACHIN DATTA**

**ORDER**

**15.01.2025**

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1. After some hearing, with the consent of learned counsel for the petitioner and learned counsel for the respondent no.2, the present petition is disposed of with a direction that the present writ petition itself shall be treated as a representation by the respondent no.2 and an appropriate decision shall be taken on the request of the petitioner to include '*power lifting*' as a competitive sport in the forthcoming 38<sup>th</sup> National Games.

2. While deciding the representation, the respondent no. 2 shall take into account the prior recognition and status accorded to '*power lifting*', and its status as a prominent sport in the country. The representation shall be decided by way of a speaking / reasoned order latest within a period of one



week from today.

3. The present petition stands disposed of in terms of the aforesaid directions.

4. Learned counsel for the State of Uttarakhand submits that there is no logistical constraint in including '*power lifting*' as a competitive sport for the purpose of 38<sup>th</sup> National Games and that necessary arrangement/s shall be made for the said purpose, subject to the decision that may be taken by the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) in petitioner's representation. The said statement is taken on record.

**JANUARY 15, 2025/cl**

**SACHIN DATTA, J**