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W.P.No.13308 of 2013

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 25.06.2026

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THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE S. M. SUBRAMANIAM

AND

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE R.SAKTHIVEL

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and

M.P.Nos.1 & 2 of 2013

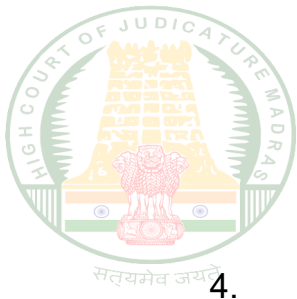
Master Yakhub Philip
Represented by his Father and
Natural Guardian Mr.Philip Verghese
3/5, Withypool Complex, 3 Board Club Road
R.A.Puram, Chennai-600 028.

... Petitioner

VS.

1. Union of India
Represented by its Secretary
Ministry of Youth Affairs and sports
New Delhi.
2. Union of India
Represented by its Secretary
Ministry of Home Affairs
New Delhi.
3. Union of India
Represented by its Secretary
Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs
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4. Rowing Federation of India (RFI)
Represented by its Secretary General
No.7/15, Sriram Colony
Alwarpet, Chennai-600 018.
5. Tamil Nadu Amateur Rowing Association (TARA)
Represented by its President
New No.11, D'Silva Road
Mylapore, Chennai-600 004. ... Respondents

Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, seeking a writ of declaration, to declare as unconstitutional the restriction viz., "A Person of India Origin" [PIO] or "Overseas Citizen of India" [OCI] not eligible to participate in Races conducted by / under the aegis of the RFI in Rule 5 of the Rules of Racing of the Rowing Federation of India, the 4th respondent herein.

For Petitioner : Ms.Uma Vidyapathi

For Respondents : R1 to R3 – No appearance
Ms.B.Swati
for Mr.R.Vishnu, for R4
R5 – not ready in notice

ORDER

[Made by **S. M. SUBRAMANIAM, J.,**]

Today, when the matter was taken up for hearing, the learned counsel for the petitioner sought permission of this Court to withdraw the present writ petition. She has also made an endorsement to that effect.



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2. In view of the above submission and endorsement made by the

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learned counsel for the petitioner, the Writ Petition stands dismissed as withdrawn. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petitions are closed.

No costs.

(S.M.S.,J.) (R.S.V.,J.)
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Index : Yes / No

Neutral Citation : Yes / No

Speaking order / Non-speaking order

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