IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA
AT HYDERABAD
(Special Original Jurisdiction)

MONDAY, THE SIXTH DAY OF APRIL
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE NAGESH BHEEMAPAKA

WRIT PETITION NO: 18058 OF 2025

Between:

Zinda Tilismath Cricket Club, a represented by its Hon. Secretary Imaduddin Farooqui, son of having its office at Flat No.5, 3rd Floor, Rock Castle Regency Residence, Road No. 6, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad-500034

...PETITIONER

AND

1. The State Of Telangana, Rep. by its Principal Secretary, Sports and Youth Services Department, Secretariat, Hyderabad, Telangana, India
2. The Hyderabad Cricket Association, Represented by its Secretary, R. Devraj, having its office at Rajiv Gandhi International Cricket Stadium, Uppal, Hyderabad.

...RESPONDENTS

Petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed therewith, the High Court may be pleased to grant a writ Order or Direction, more particularly in the nature of Writ of Mandamus, declaring the action of the Respondent No. 2 in not promoting the Petitioner Club to the 'A' Division despite their being only 19 teams in the 'A' Division, contrary to the recommendations dated 29.10.2023 issued by the Single Member Committee appointed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in Special Leave Petition (C) No.6779 of 2021, which recommendations were directed to be implemented by the Honourable Supreme of India in its Order dated 05.12.2023 in Special Leave Petition (C) No.6779 of 2021 and Order of this Hon'ble Court in W.P. No. 18413 of 2024 dated 12.09.2024, thereby depriving the Petitioner Club from participating in the league matches for the 2025-26 season, as illegal, unlawful, arbitrary and violative of Articles 14, 19 and 21 of the Constitution of India and consequently direct the Respondent No. 2 to promote the Petitioner Club to the 'A' Division.

IA NO: 1 OF 2025

Petition under Section 151 CPC praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed in support of the petition, the High Court may be pleased to direct the Respondent No. 2 to permit the Petitioner to participate in the A Division for the ongoing League Matches for 2025-26 season by filling the vacancy shown as "____" in the Group fixtures for the A Division League Champion Ship 2025-26.

Counsel for the Petitioner: SRI ZEESHAN ADNAN MAHMOOD
Counsel for the Respondent No.1: GP FOR SPORTS
Counsel for the Respondent No.2: SRI V.RAJENDHER RAO, SC FOR HCA

The Court made the following: ORDER

IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA
AT HYDERABAD

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE NAGESH BHEEMAPAKA

WRIT PETITION No.18058 of 2025

06.04.2026

Between:

Zinda Tilismath Cricket Club

...Petitioner

AND

The State of Telangana,
Represented by its Principal Secretary,
Sports and Youth Services Department, Secretariat,
Hyderabad, Telangana, India and another.

...Respondents

ORDER:

This Writ Petition is filed challenging the action of respondent in not promoting the Petitioner Club to the 'A' Division despite their being only 19 teams in the 'A' Division, contrary to the recommendations dated 29.10.2023 issued by the Single Member Committee appointed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in Special Leave Petition (C) No.6779 of 2021, which recommendations were directed to be implemented by the Honourable Supreme of India in its Order dated 05.12.2023 in

Special Leave Petition (C) No.6779 of 2021 and Order of this Hon'ble Court in W.P.No.18413 of 2024, dated 12.09.2024, thereby depriving the Petitioner Club from participating in the league matches for the 2025-26 season, as illegal, unlawful, arbitrary and violative of Articles 14, 19 and 21 of the Constitution of India and consequently direct the Respondent No. 2 to promote the Petitioner Club to the A Division and pass such other order.

2. Heard Mr.Zeeshan Adnan Mahmood, learned counsel for the petitioner, learned Government Pleader for Sports for respondent No.1 and Sri V.Rajendher Rao, learned Standing Counsel for Hyderabad Cricket Association for respondent No.2. Perused the record.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that this Court, by its interim order dated 27.06.2025 in this Writ Petition, has directed as follows:

> "Notice Before Admission.
> Post after four (4) weeks.
> List on 25.07.2025.
> Learned Senior Counsel for the petitioner submits that petitioner-club is affiliated to the respondent No.2 - Hyderabad Cricket Association and at the present the

petitioner - club is in 'B' Division. As per the Supervisory committee Report, number of teams in 'A' Division is reduced 19 teams from 22 teams contrary to the report of the Single Member Committee, dated 29.10.2023 appointed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in Special Leave Petition (C) No.6779 of 2021 and also orders dated 12.09.2024 passed by this Court in WP.No.18413 of 2024. In view of the same the respondents have to consider the petitioner's claim to include them in "A" Division for the ongoing League Championship 2025-26 which is commenced from 24.06.2025.

After hearing both sides, this Court is of the considered view that the petitioner-Club has to make representation to the Supervisory Committee for considering their case for including in 'A" Division. After making such representation by the petitioner-club, the Supervisory Committee shall consider the representation filed by the petitioner-club as per the existing Rules and pass appropriate orders for permitting the petitioner-club to participate in the ongoing league matches in 'A' Division.

List on 25.07.2025."

4. Learned counsel for petitioner further relied upon the order dated 12.09.2024 passed by this Court in W.P.No.18413 of 2024 and the operative portion of the said order reads as under:

"13. This Court considering the issue in the larger magnitude and in the interest of the budding cricketers and to avoid any controversy in future, more specifically scheduling of all formats of league matches for the season 2024-25 hereby appoint Hon'ble Sri Justice P.Naveen Rao, Judge (Retired), High Court for the State of Telangana as supervisory committee.

14. This Court requests the learned supervisory Committee to undertake the exercise of finanalizing the teams and for the same, shall adopt the system and procedure that was adopted

by the Single Member Committee for the cricket season 2023-24, for conducting league matches for the cricket season 2024-25.

15. Respondent Nos.2 and 3 shall extend all necessary assistance and support to the supervisory committee and shall provide necessary infrastructure and emoluments on par with the Ethics Officer of the 2nd respondent.

16. The Writ Petition is accordingly disposed of.

5. Accordingly, in view of the interim order dated 27.06.2025 passed by this Court in the present Writ Petition, and in terms of the order dated 12.09.2024 passed in W.P.No.18413 of 2024, for the reasons alike, the Writ Petition is disposed of. There shall be no order as to costs.

Pending miscellaneous applications, if any, shall stand closed.

SD/- A.H.S.GOWRI SHANKAR
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

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SECTION OFFICER

To

1. The Principal Secretary, Sports and Youth Services Department, Secretariat, Hyderabad, Telangana, India.
2. The Secretary, R. Devraj, Hyderabad Cricket Association, having its office at Rajiv Gandhi International Cricket Stadium, Uppal, Hyderabad.
3. One CC to SRI ZEESHAN ADNAN MAHMOOD, Advocate [OPUC]
4. Two CCs to GP FOR SPORTS, High Court for the State of Telangana, at Hyderabad. [OUT]
5. One CC to SRI V.RAJENDHER RAO, SC FOR HCA [OPUC]
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CC TODAY

HIGH COURT

DATED:06/04/2026



ORDER

WP.No.18058 of 2025

DISPOSING OF THE WRIT PETITION
WITHOUT COSTS

(9) JKS
9/4/26.