

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CIVIL APPEAL NO. OF 2026
(Arising out of S.L.P. (C) No. 29597 of 2025)

MAHARASHTRA STATE KABADDI ASSOCIATION ...APPELLANT

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA & ORS. ...RESPONDENTS

O R D E R

1. Leave granted.
2. We have heard the learned counsel appearing for the parties.
3. We are dealing with a case touching upon the conduct of elections for the Executive Committee of the appellant association. Much water has flown under the bridge. A legislation has been introduced in the form of the National Sports Governance Act, 2025 (for short, 'the Act') with effect from 01.01.2026. Subsequently, the National Sports Governance (National Sports Bodies) Rules, 2026 (for short, 'the Rules') have been notified. A resolution has also been passed by the Amateur Kabaddi Federation of India (for short, 'the Federation'), which is the apex body in relation to Kabaddi in India, to

conduct the elections of the appellant association in strict conformity with the provisions of the Act and the Rules thereunder.

4. In view of the above, the parties are *ad-idem* that it is the Federation that has to conduct the elections. To that extent, there is no dispute.

5. However, we request the assistance of Hon'ble Mr. Justice P.K. Chavan to monitor and supervise the elections by taking charge as the Administrator. This is to ensure that the elections are conducted in a fair and free manner. In any case, this is only an interim arrangement till the elections are over.

6. After the elections are over and duly declared, we request the learned Administrator to hand over the administration to the newly elected body.

7. In the facts and circumstances of the case, a direction is issued to the Federation to conclude the election process under the supervision of Hon'ble Mr. Justice P.K. Chavan within a period of three months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

8. Accordingly, the appeal stands disposed of.

9. Pending application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed of.

.....J.
(M.M. SUNDRESH)

.....J.
(PRASANNA B. VARALE)

NEW DELHI;
AUGUST 25, 2026.

ITEM NO.36

COURT NO.4

SECTION IX-A

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (C) No(s). 29597/2025

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 03-10-2025 in WPST No. 22336/2024 passed by the High Court of Judicature at Bombay]

MAHARASHTRA STATE KABADDI ASSOCIATION

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA & ORS.

Respondent(s)

IA No. 104426/2026 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS

IA No. 104427/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

Date : 25-08-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PRASANNA B. VARALE

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Upon hearing the counsel, the Court made the following
O R D E R

1. Leave granted.
2. The appeal stands disposed of in terms of the signed order.
3. Pending application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed of.

(SHUBHAM SONI)
COURT MASTER (SH)

(POONAM VAID)
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

(Signed order is placed on the file)