

# Fencing Association of India

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### Office Order

Whereas various issues were brought to FAI attention with regard to Fencing Sport activities affecting adversely in MP, due to disputes and litigations by the factional groups. These include complaints against each other and their malpractices and non-compliance of norms and guidelines of National Sports Development Code (NSDC) of India 2011 and FAI.

Also, on receipt of complaints regarding Shri Gurmohan Singh in regard to irregularities and violations as the Secretary, State Fencing Association, Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh, the Disciplinary committee of FAI has examined in totality.

#### **(I) Back-ground Details :-**

- a) Fencing Association of India (FAI) has conducted AGM on 02-07-2017, agenda being to conduct elections to the Executive Committee of FAI for 2017-21. FAI Election notice was issued based on the approval in the subject AGM.
- b) Accordingly, affiliated states including MP not entitled to conduct any Elections in their states as FAI cannot permit their observers to witness the proceedings of the state(s) elections, once the FAI elections are announced/ during the Electioneering of FAI.
- c) Shri Gurmohan Singh has registered a new body, namely, State Fencing Association (SFA) vide Regn No. 02/42/01/21662/17 dtd 27-07-2017, knowingly, FAI gave affiliation to MPFA (registered) and in existence since long, looking after the Fencing activities in MP, may be, he to camouflage the on-going legal tussle(s) there.
- d) As per the SFA (Shri Gurmohan Singh's personal association), vide Point 10 (a) of its memorandum of articles (constitution), notice of min 15 days has to be given for all its members, to conduct elections to SFA Executive Committee.
- e) Without notifying any election process by Shri Gurmohan Singh, to the concerned agencies/ authorities, SFA has declared that the elections were held on 06-08-2017 (result announced within 10 days of SFA Regn dt 27-07-2017, as per Memorandum articles of SFA, a self-violation), which were invalid in all respects.
- f) Shri Sanjay Pradhan at his personal capacity seems to have attended the SFA function at Gwalior. FAI has not nominated any official as the observer of FAI, for such a nefarious election(s) of SFA. Hence, as per FAI records, Shri Sanjay Pradhan has not submitted any Observer's report, since then. FAI gets 15 days advance notice from the state(s), to seek an observer nomination from FAI. In this case, no such requisition was received from SFA. They have not filed any documents pertaining to their election-process by correspondence or by post or by E-mail. Provisional affiliation Certificate dated 07-08-2017 is not in existence in official records of FAI. Hence, such letter stands invalid.
- g) It seems that the SFA election-results were declared at their convenience. The Office-bearers of SFA have sent a (back-dated) letter dtd 10-07-2017 (much earlier to SFA Regn dt 27-07-2017), under the letter-head of Madhya Pradesh Fencing Association (MPFA), but not under SFA, in the mail received by FAI on 05-08-2017, giving the details of the President, Secretary, Joint Secretary of MPFA (despite elections done presumably for SFA) :

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- h) This syndicate/ group of people have taken an advance Rs. 2.5 lakhs on 08.05.2012 to conduct a 9<sup>th</sup> Sub-Junior National Fencing Championship at Gwalior (M.P.). But so far, this amount has not been refunded or accounted for. Tournament audit report was not made in the name of MPFA but in the name of Organising Committee, which seems to be a fictitious one.
- i) FAI has sent many requests and reminders to submit necessary records such as Bank A/C, PAN, Regn. Certificate, Audit reports etc. Requisite records of MPFA could not be submitted by this syndicate/ group, so far.

6 nos. of notices have been issued (i. FAI/2017-18/14, dtd 14-09-2017, ii. email dated 31-10-2017, iii. FAI/2017-18/105, dtd 10-11-2017, iv. FAI/2017-18/162, dtd 20-12-2017, v. FAI/2017-18/330, dtd 04-03-2018, vi. FAI/2018-19/664, dtd 01-03-2019).

It may be noted that the sanction of XIX Sub-Jr. National Fencing Championship at Gwalior vide FAI Ltr No. FAI/ SJ& CNFC/ MP/ 2017-18, dtd. 18-08-2017 was given to MPFA. FAI gave this sanction-order to conduct the Nationals in the name of MPFA (but not to SFA). A fund of Rs.8.75 lakhs against Rs.10 lakhs received from SAI towards this tournament on 03-06-2019. But, FAI could not transfer the amount to MPFA as the authentic Bank account Number and other statutory details of MPFA not furnished, so far.

- j) Despite official mail of MPFA has been contacted by FAI, time & again, on official matters of correspondence, no reply has been received.
- k) The above mentioned syndicate/ group of people have made MPFA defunct and operating the MP Fencing activities, for their vested interests.

## **(II) Proceedings for the initiation of Action :-**

Disciplinary Committee of FAI has gone into the facts, merits and circumstances. Its report has been submitted to FAI.

- i. Proceedings include the thoughtful examination of the following documents by the Disciplinary Committee:
- Complaint received against the syndicate operated by Shri Gurmohan Singh.
  - Documents of newly registered SFA.
  - FAI Show-cause Notice dtd 29-07-2019
  - Reply received from Shri Gurmohan Singh dtd 07-08-2019
  - Other historical data of MPFA (FAI gave affiliation to MPFA but not to SFA).
- ii. Proceedings also include the examination of the reply given by Shri Gurmohan Singh to the show-cause notice of FAI, which was found to be vague, unsatisfactory, misleading, devoid of merit, damaging the Fencing sports spirit in MP.
- iii. Proceedings also include the lack of discipline, repeated and persistence of disobedience, not responding to number of notices given by FAI.

**(III) Action by FAI :-**

- a. FAI has received the Disciplinary Committee report and examined the recommendations given by the Disciplinary Committee.
- b. FAI also received the appreciation-letters from many states regarding the disciplinary measures initiated by FAI, to strengthen and streamline Fencing sport activities, in line with NSDC & FAI.
- c. FAI proposed the following regarding MPFA:
  - i. To de-recognise syndicate(s) working in MP. Hence, any letter of recognition given earlier by FAI stands invalid.
  - ii. Accordingly, to dissolve any Associations exist, other than MPFA.
  - iii. To initiate penal action against Shri Gurmohan Singh for malafide and mischievous ways of dealing with FAI.
  - iv. To establish a Adhoc Committee of MPFA in Madhya Pradesh, as under:

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6. Selection Committee - (Min One member to be nominated by FAI).


- d. The above Adhoc Committee of MPFA in MP will administrate the affairs & functioning of Fencing sport activities in MP, till the fresh elections are held under the Observation of FAI.
- e. Also, the above Adhoc Committee in MP will conduct the selection trials for participation in the various National Fencing Championships, from time to time.
- f. The President FAI and Chairman of the Disciplinary Committee has considered and approved the recommendations of the Disciplinary Committee and the above proposal(s).
- g. Hence, the above, will be post-facto presented and approved in the forthcoming EC/ AGM.

**(IV) In view of the above :-**

1. **FAI de-recognises syndicate(s) working in MP. Hence, any letter of recognition given earlier by FAI stands invalid. Accordingly, dissolved any Associations exist, other than MPFA.**
2. **The above Adhoc Committee of MPFA will carry-out Fencing activities in MP till the fresh elections are held to MPFA, under the observation of FAI.**

**This office order issued with the approval of competent authority.**



  
**Bashir Ahmed Khan**  
Secretary General  
Fencing Association of India

**Copy to :**

1. Mr. Rajeev Mehta, President, FAI
2. Regional Director (Teams), SAI, New Delhi
3. Director, Sports & Youth Welfare, Govt. of MP
4. Mr. Vinod Pradhan, Joint Director, Sports & Youth Welfare, Govt. of MP
5. Mr. Gurmohan Singh, Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh
6. All concerned members of the Adhoc Committee
7. Uploading onto FAI web-site for all concerned in public domain.