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

\# **CNR No. DLHC010525212026**

\+ W.P.(C) 16133/2026

YOGA FEDERATION OF INDIA .....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Rahul Mehra, Senior Advocate with Mr. Chaitanya Gosain, Mr. Hanif Chinthan Awiha, Mr. Ian Xavier Pereira, Advocates.

versus

UNION OF INDIA .....Respondent

Through: Mr. Ripudaman Bhardwaj, CGSC with Mr. Amit Kumar Rana, Advocate.

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMIT MAHAJAN

O R D E R

% 03.11.2026

1. This Court by judgment dated 09.07.2026, had disposed of the W.P.(C) 20/2021, filed by the petitioner with the following directions:

> *"110. The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, is directed to issue a public notice within 60 days of the date of pronouncement of this judgment inviting applications from all eligible bodies for recognition as the National Sports Federation for the sport of Yoga/Yogasana. The recognition exercise shall be completed with due expedition in accordance with law.*
> *111. The petitioner, Yoga Federation of India, is not declared to be the National Sports Federation for the sport of Yoga/Yogasana. That determination lies exclusively within the domain of the Sports Ministry and shall be made in the fresh recognition exercise conducted in accordance with this order. It is further clarified that the quashing and setting aside of the recognition letter dated 27.11.2020 and the speaking order dated 19.10.2021, together with the retrospective protection granted under this judgment, are intended solely to rectify the · impugned process and to safeguard the interests of athletes and other stakeholders. They shall not confer, create, or be treated as conferring any right, legitimate expectation, preference, equity, or other advantage in favour of the*

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petitioner, nor shall they be relied upon by the petitioner in support of any application or claim for recognition or any other consequential benefit."

2. The respondent, pursuant to the aforesaid judgment passed by this Court, issued a public notice dated 03.09.2026, inviting the applications from eligible bodies for grant of recognition as National Sports Federation for the sports of Yogasana. The petitioner, pursuant to the same, filed appropriate application on 17.09.2026.

3. The learned senior counsel for the petitioner submits that this Court gave a specific direction to the respondent that the applications have to be invited from all eligible bodies for the sports of Yoga/Yogasana. He submits that the public notice dated 03.09.2026, however, appears to have inadvertently referred only the sport of Yogasana. He submits that the petitioner apprehends that considering the possible inadvertent anomaly, the petitioner's application might get rejected.

4. The judgment dated 09.07.2026, clearly indicates that this Court had specifically directed the respondent to invite applications from all eligible bodies for the sports of Yoga/Yogasana, therefore, the respondent is directed to file an appropriate affidavit, in that regard, within a period of four weeks.

5. In the meanwhile, the respondent is directed not to reject the petitioner's application only for the reason that it had applied for being recognized as the National Sports Federation for the sport of Yoga.

6. List on 14.01.2027.

AMIT MAHAJAN, J

NOVEMBER 3, 2026/*DU*

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