

# VOLLEYBALL FEDERATION OF INDIA

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## CIRCULAR

To

The Office Bearers,  
Executive Members of VFI,  
The Presidents & General Secretaries of  
Affiliated States / Units of VFI

Dear Members,

### Sub: Recognition of VFI Election by the International Volleyball Federation (FIVB)

We are pleased to inform that Federation Internationale de Volleyball (FIVB) vide its communication dated 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2017 (enclosed) recognized elections of Volleyball Federation of India held at Chennai on 11<sup>th</sup> April 2016 and also listed the elected office bearers except for the post of President.

The FIVB has fully accepted the Hon'ble Delhi High Court Order, the order of Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports and Indian Olympic Association.

In addition to the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India and Indian Olympic Association now finally the FIVB has also accepted the VFI Elections held at Chennai on 11.04.2016 and has recognized the successful candidate in that election. They have specifically listed the names of the office bearers in their communication and recognized them.

Further FIVB specifically mentioned that since July 2017 the position of President is vacant in VFI. Therefore any person claiming to act as President or sending authority letters etc is misleading the public and Volleyball fraternity.

Since July 2017 nobody is holding position of the President VFI. This issue is subjudice and will be decided by the competent courts.

This is really great news for all volleyball lovers, players and volleyball fraternity.

FIVB has also mentioned in their communication that once the office of President is filled in accordance with Indian law either by virtue of a final decision of a court of competent jurisdiction or through an election duly called and properly held, the FIVB will provide the information to the FIVB Board of Administration for its consideration regarding the lifting of the provisional suspension.

This is for your kind information.

With best wishes,

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Lausanne, 22 August 2017

**RE: 2017 Office Bearer Dispute**

Dear Sirs,

Reference is made to the previous communications sent by the Parties as well as the recent communications from the Indian Olympic Association and the Indian Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.

The FIVB would first like to highlight that the present dispute is an internal dispute within the Volleyball Federation of India ("VFI") subject to Indian law. As such, the FIVB will respect the decisions taken by the Indian courts in the present dispute as well as the determinations and decisions of the Indian Olympic Association and the Indian Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.

The Indian Olympic Association, the Indian Ministry of Youth Affairs, Mr. Singh Jakhar and Mr. Kumar all recognise that the following office bearers, based on the order of the Delhi High Court dated 27 April 2017, currently hold office with and represent the Volleyball Federation of India:

- Executive First Vice President- Mr. Rajkumar
- Secretary General- Mr. Ramavtar Singh Jakhar
- Treasurer- Mr. Shekhar Bose
- Vice Presidents:
  - Mr. Kuldeep Vats
  - Mr. Rathin Roy Chaudhury
  - Mr. Irvin Soares
  - Mr. Vijay Pal Singh
  - Mr. A. Ramana Rao
  - Mr. Bhupen Kumar Borah
  - Mr. A.S. Rajhans
  - Mr. Ram Lal Verma
  - Dr. Lalmalsawma Nghaka
- Associate Secretaries
  - Prof. Nalakath Basheer
  - Mr. Kuldip Magotra
- Joint Secretaries
  - Mr. B.L. Malhotra
  - Mr. R.R. Patel
  - Mr. Jagir Singh Randhawa
  - Mr. T. Balasubramanian
  - Mr. Balasabeh Suryawanshi
  - Mr. Mrinmoy Chakraborty
  - Mr. Anil Chaudhary

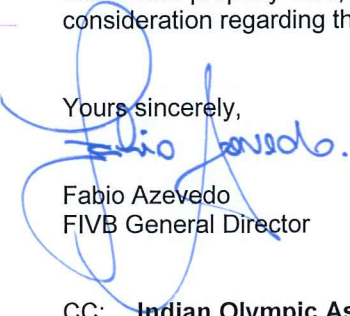
The FIVB also emphasizes that the position of the President of the VFI is currently vacant as the term of Mr. Kumar has expired by his own admission in July 2017. The FIVB is also aware of the petition before the Delhi High Court seeking recognition of the elections held in 2016 for the office of President. Consequently, the office of President is the only vacant position among the VFI office bearers.

Summarising the circumstances, all of the relevant stakeholders in India recognise the abovementioned office bearers under Indian law. Consequently, the FIVB recognises that the above office bearers are the current office bearers of the VFI under Indian law.



Regarding the provisional suspension, the FIVB notes that only the FIVB Board of Administration can lift the provisional suspension. The FIVB took a decision that it would not lift the provisional suspension until the dispute had been finally settled. As the office of President is still vacant under Indian law, the FIVB Board of Administration requires a final resolution related to the office of the President of the Volleyball Federation of India before it can lift the provisional suspension. Once the office of President is filled in accordance with Indian law either by virtue of a final decision of a court of competent jurisdiction or through an election duly called and properly held, the FIVB will provide the information to the FIVB Board of Administration for its consideration regarding the lifting of the provisional suspension.

Yours sincerely,

  
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