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**POWERLIFTING AS AN EVENT IN THE 38TH NATIONAL GAMES, UTTARAKHAND**

1. Refer to Hon'ble Delhi High Court Order dated 15 January 2025 in WP(C) 457/2025

2. The Indian Olympic Association (IOA), in exercise of its responsibilities as the governing body for multi-sport events in India, has deliberated on the inclusion of events for the forthcoming 38th National Games scheduled to be held in Uttarakhand.

3. After careful consideration of all relevant factors, it is hereby informed that "power lifting" will not be included as an event in the competition schedule. This decision is based on the following reasons:

(a) **Non-Recognition by the International Olympic Committee (IOC):**

Powerlifting is not recognized as an Olympic sport by the IOC and, as such, is not included in the Olympic Games program. The National Games serve as a preparatory platform for Olympics, Commonwealth Games and Asian Games, focusing on disciplines recognized by the IOC and the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA).

(b) **Limited Scope of Development under the IOA Framework:**

While "power lifting" maybe popular in certain regions of the country, its governance falls outside the scope of the National Sports Federations (NSFs) recognized by the IOA. This makes it challenging to ensure uniformity in technical conduct and compliance with IOA's standards.

**Conclusion:**

4. The decision to exclude "powerlifting" from the 38th National Games program is made in the best interest of aligning the event with the long-term goals of India's Olympic movement.

5. This order is issued with due consideration of all representations received on the matter.

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