OFFICE OF THE RETURNING OFFICER ELECTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE VOLLEYBALL FEDERATION OF INDIA [2024 – 2028]

SCRUTINY PROCEEDINGS

As per schedule the scrutiny of the nominations filed for all the six (06) categories of the posts of the VFI was taken up by the undersigned at 9.00 a.m in the office.

For the post of **President**, three (03) nominations were filed and each were scrutinized based on the qualifications and all were found to be in order and were accepted.

For the post of **Vice President**, four (04) nominations were filed. Today NOC was filed by Mr. Susanta Biswa Sarma, one of the candidates, at 9.47 am and the same was taken on record. All the four (04) nominations were found to be in order and accepted.

For the post of **Secretary General**, four (04) nominations were filed i.e by Mr. Nilesh Vishnu Jagtap, Mr. Ramanand Choudhary, Mr. Mohammed Akram Khan and Mr. A.J.Martin Sudhakar. While the first two nominations were found to have been filed in the manner required by law but in respect of the letter two nominations, Mohammed Aslam (s.no.3) is proposer for Mr. Mohammed Akram Khan and the same Mr. Mohammed Aslam (s.no.3) is the seconder for the candidate Mr. A.J.Martin Sudhakar. Since the number of post to be filled (Secretary General) is one, a person enrolled in the Electoral College can't propose /second more than one candidate as per instructions issued and the Model Guidelines of the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports. The nomination paper of Mr. Mohammed Akram Khan was received at 2:00 p.m on 05.02.2024 while that of Mr. A.J. Martin Sudhakar was received at 2:15 p.m of the 05.02.2024. In view of this, nomination filed by Mr. A.J.Martin Sudhakar is rejected as his nomination was received at a later point of time.

For the post of **Treasurer**, two (02) nominations were filed ie. by Mr. Hari Singh Chauhan and Mr. Prakash Borah. Mr. Borah has also filed NOC from his employer and the same has been taken on record. The nominations were scrutinized and found to be in order and hence accepted.

For the post of **Joint Secretary**, eight (08) nominations were filed and on scrutiny all the nominations were found to have been filed in the manner required by law and hence accepted.

For the post of **Member Executive Committee**, in all twelve (12) nominations were filed. One of the candidates Mr. Mithlesh Kumar Singh filed NOC from his employer and on further direction from the undersigned, has clarified that "*he had never held any post either elective or selective in VFI*". Otherwise, his nomination paper is found to have been filed in the manner required by law and hence accepted. The remaining eleven nominations were also accepted as they were found to have been filed in the manner required by law.

All the nominated candidates fulfill the age requirements as on qualifying date. It may also be mentioned that there are age restrictions for the posts of President, General Secretary and Treasurer as the elected candidates are allowed to hold these posts till the age of seventy (70) years. Some of the candidates will attain the age of 70 years in the next 10 months or so. This aspect may need attention of the authorities in future.

Place: New Delhi Date: 08.02.2024 Justice P. Krishna Bhat (Retd.) Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka Returning Officer for the elections of the VFI [2024]

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