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To
Mr. Virender Kanwar
Volleyball Federation of India (VFI) – Interim Body

**GRANT OF PROVISIONAL RECOGNITION TO VOLLEYBALL FEDERATION OF INDIA
(VFI) – INTERIM BODY**

Dear Mr. Kanwar,

1. This is in reference to the communication received from the Fédération Internationale de Volleyball dated 20 March 2026 regarding the provisional recognition granted to the Volleyball Federation of India (VFI) – Interim Body .
2. The Indian Olympic Association (IOA), after due consideration of the contents of the above-mentioned FIVB letter and in alignment with its directives, hereby accords **provisional recognition** to the Volleyball Federation of India (VFI) – Interim Body for a corresponding period of **eight (8) months**, subject to strict compliance with all conditions laid down by the FIVB and applicable regulations in India.
3. This provisional recognition is granted to facilitate:
 - (a) Participation of Indian volleyball teams in international competitions;
 - (b) Release and utilisation of government funding for training and preparation; and
 - (c) Restoration of proper governance within the sport of volleyball in India.
4. The VFI – Interim Body shall adhere to the following key conditions, as outlined by FIVB:
 - (a) Full cooperation with the IOA, FIVB, the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (MYAS), and the Steering Committee.
 - (b) Alignment of the VFI Constitution with the FIVB and IOA Constitutions.
 - (c) Transparent and fair conduct of elections under supervision, as per the prescribed roadmap.
 - (d) Establishment of an Athletes' Commission in compliance with applicable regulations, jointly provided by the FIVB and IOA vide email dated 05 Jul 2025.
 - (e) Ensuring that team selection processes remain independent and free from external interference.

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5. The IOA will closely monitor compliance with the roadmap and timelines specified in the FIVB communication. Any deviation, non-compliance, or adverse legal developments affecting the authority of the Interim Body may result in withdrawal of this provisional recognition, in line with FIVB directions.

6. The VFI – Interim Body is expected to act with utmost responsibility and integrity to ensure timely fulfilment of all conditions, in the best interest of Indian volleyball and its athletes.

7. Kindly acknowledge receipt of this letter and confirm your acceptance of the above conditions.

Yours sincerely,



20/3/26.

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