## OFFICE OF THE RETURNING OFFICER FOR JFI ELECTION

February 9, 2018

Sub.: Representation of Rajasthan State Judo Association in the Election of JFI

Copy of the order of the Hon. High Court of Judicature of Rajasthan at Jaipur Bench in the Civil wit Petition No. 2221/2018 was delivered to the JFI Office on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2018. The Petitioner has challenged the right of the Rajasthan State Judo Association through its President to represent the State Of Rajasthan in Judo or to participate in the election of the JFI scheduled to be held on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2018. The Hon. High court has directed that members of the Rajasthan State Judo Association not allowed to participate in the election of Judo Federation of India unless it shows its registration with the Rajasthan State Sports Council as per the Rajasthan Sports Act 2005.

The President of the Rajasthan State Judo Association (Respondent No.5 & 7 ) was heard. He submitted that according to Section 5 of the said Act all State Level Associations enlisted in Schedule `B' ask to apply for registration. Schedule `B' does not include Rajasthan State Judo Association or any other Association connected with Judo. Section 5 also states that if any game or sport is not covered under schedule `B', the same can be added in schedule `B', and thereafter registration may be sought. The President of the Rajasthan State Judo Association submits copy of two documents, (i) Certificate from the Rajasthan State Olympic Association dated 01/05/2015 stating that the Rajasthan State Judo Association is a certified State Level Association, (ii) Certificate from the Judo Federation of India dated 20/03/2015 certifying that the Rajasthan State Judo Association is an affiliated member of the Judo Federation of India

The President Rajasthan State Judo Association also submits that a special appeal/petition against the above order has been filled vide SAW IN. 6581/2018 dated 09/02/2018, Mahipal Grewal Vs Surrender Yadav.

After going through the act relevant records, I do not find adequate reason to disallow the representatives of the Rajasthan State Judo Association from participating in the Election of JFI. Registration certificates are issued to them by the Rajasthan State Olympic Association and the Judo Federation of India in 2015. Also, as and when Judo is added in Schedule 'B' they may apply for registration as required under Section 5 of the Rajasthan Sport Act 2005

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