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COURT OF CHIEF COMMISSIONER FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (DIVYANGJAN)

दिव्यांगजन सशक्तिकरण विभाग / Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan)

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भारत सरकार/ Government of India

Diary No. DNO/25/CCPD/4124

Dated: 16/09/2026

In the matter of-

Mr. D. Gnana Bharati

...Complainant

Versus

The President,

National Sports Federation of India

A-67, Block A, Hari Nagar,

New Delhi

Email: officialnsfoi@gmail.com

...Respondent

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

1. **Hearing:** A preliminary hearing in hybrid mode (online/offline) was conducted on 26.09.2025. The following parties/representatives were present :

Sl. No.	Name of the Parties/Representatives	Parties	Mode
1.	Mr. D. Gnana Bharati	Complainant	Online
2.	Ms. Anchal Bhatheja, Counsel for applicant	Complainant	Online
3.	None appeared for Respondent	Respondent	NA

1.1 The Complainant submitted that the sporting event suffered from significant accessibility and infrastructure deficiencies, including improper lane dimensions, poorly installed lane separators causing water disturbance, inadequate shaded areas, absence of lodging facilities, provision of food only through paid coupons, and lack of arrangements for caregivers accompanying persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities. It was contended that these deficiencies adversely affected the equal

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participation of athletes with disabilities.

1.2 During the hearing, the Court sought clarification regarding the Complainant's personal grievance, the jurisdiction and role of the concerned sports federation, the delay of approximately seven to eight months in filing the complaint, the existence of any applicable accessibility guidelines or Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), and whether similar difficulties were experienced by other participants.

1.3 In response, the Complainant submitted that he had been directly affected by the deficiencies during the event. It was further stated that the delay in filing the complaint occurred due to lack of awareness of the statutory remedy under the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016, and the time taken to obtain legal advice. The Complainant also submitted that although accessibility standards have been notified under Section 40 of the Act, there is no mandatory mechanism for ensuring compliance prior to the conduct of such events.

1.4 Upon consideration of the submissions made during the hearing, the Court observed that although the deficiencies relating to the concluded event may not now be capable of complete redressal, the issues raised merit examination with a view to improving accessibility standards for future sporting events.

1.5 Accordingly, the Court recommended that the Complainant furnish, within 15 days from the receipt of this Record of Proceedings, the names of other affected participants along with any supporting material available, to facilitate a comprehensive examination of the issues raised.

1.6 The Court further recommended that the Respondent extend full cooperation in the proceedings. The Respondent was informed that continued non-appearance may compel this Court to exercise its powers under Section 77 of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 read with Rule 38(5) of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Rules, 2017, including summoning and enforcing attendance and taking action under Sections 89 and 93 of the Act, as applicable. The Complainant was also informed that failure to appear on the next date of hearing may result in disposal of the complaint *ex parte* in accordance with Rule 38(6) of the Rules.

Yours faithfully,

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