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\* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**

+ W.P.(C) 8807/2026 & CM APPL. 41230-41231/2026

**KEKHRIESILIE RIO**

.....Petitioner

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versus

**EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION OF INDIA & ORS.** .....Respondents

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Adv. (Through VC)

**CORAM:**  
**HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE MINI PUSHKARNA**

**ORDER**  
**07.07.2026**

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1. The present writ petition has been filed challenging the selection of respondent nos. 4 and 5, who have been selected in the Indian National Team for the Asian Games, 2026 in the Show Jumping Category of Equestrian Events. Further, the petitioner seeks his own selection in the team instead of respondent nos. 4 and 5.

2. *Per contra*, learned counsel appearing for respondent no. 1, i.e., Equestrian Federation of India (“EFI”) submits that they have received an E-mail from the Indian Olympic Association (“IOA”) dated 01<sup>st</sup> July, 2026, wherein, the IOA stated as follows:

“xxx xxx xxx

*Upon scrutiny, the following athlete(s)/team(s) have, prima facie, been found **not to satisfy the prescribed eligibility criteria** for inclusion in the Indian contingent:*

xxx xxx xxx”

3. Learned counsel appearing for the EFI submits that they have already replied to the said E-mail *vide* their E-mail dated 03<sup>rd</sup> July, 2026.

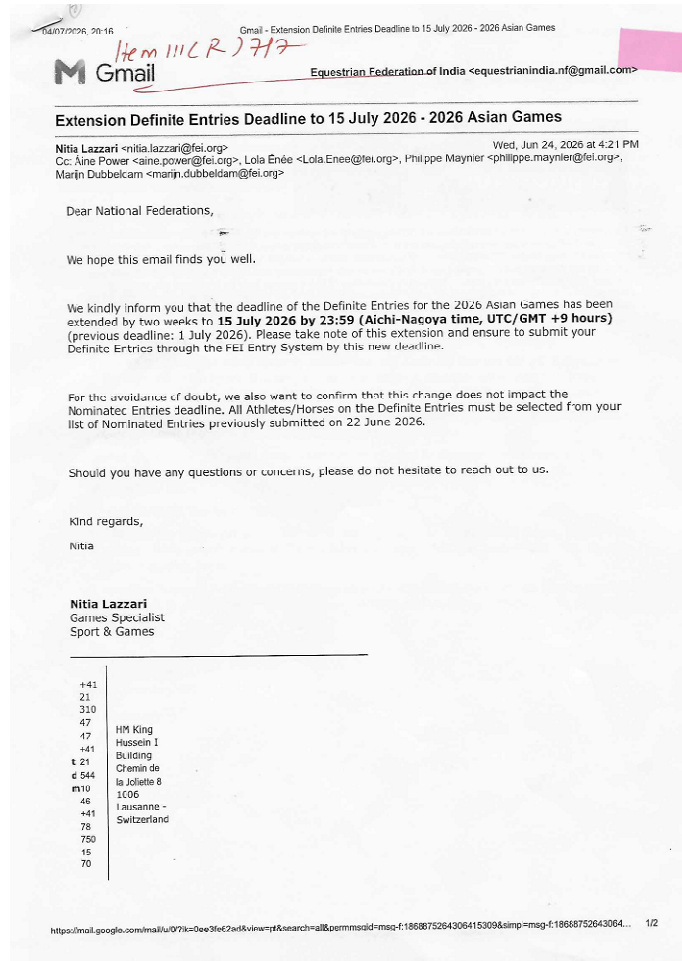
4. The document as given by the EFI is taken on record.

5. Accordingly, learned counsel appearing for the IOA is directed to make a statement before this Court, on the next date of hearing, as to the decision of the IOA in view of the E-mail dated 01<sup>st</sup> July, 2026 of the IOA to EFI.

6. Learned counsel appearing for the EFI has also handed over to this



Court an E-mail dated 24<sup>th</sup> June, 2026, received from International Federation for Equestrian Sports (“FEI”), and the same is reproduced as under:



7. Accordingly, learned counsel appearing for the IOA is also directed to take instructions with regard to the aforesaid letter, as well.
8. List for consideration on 09<sup>th</sup> July, 2026 in the *Supplementary List*.

**MINI PUSHKARNA, J**

**JULY 7, 2026/KR**