

JUSTICE GITA MITTAL (RETD.)
ADMINISTRATOR
ALL INDIA TENNIS ASSOCIATION

Ref: Delhi High Court order dated 27.04.2026

Subject: Urgent Directions

Date: 09.05.2026

1. Vide an order dated 27.04.2026 passed by the Delhi High Court in CON. Cas No. 1378 of 2025 and W.P. (C) No. 13458 of 2024, the undersigned has been appointed as the Administrator of the All India Tennis Association (**AITA**) to do the following:
 - (i) *Carry out the amendment to the Constitution/Bye-laws of AITA in terms of the Sports Act and Sports Governance Rules, 2026 by 30.06.2026;*
 - (ii) *Prepare an Electoral Roll/College of AITA for the purposes of conducting elections to the Executive Committee of AITA in accordance with the amended Constitution/Bye-laws.*
 - (iii) *Elections to be conducted within a period of three months of the amendment to the Bye-laws/Constitution.*
 - (iv) *Oversee day-to-day affairs of AITA as managed by the Interim Executive Committee as per the interim arrangement.*
 - (v) *Oversee operation of all bank accounts of AITA along with all financial instruments/cheques which may be required for the conduct of day-to-day affairs, payment of salaries and meeting of other expenses.*



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2. Given the lack of details of the Executive Committee/Interim Committee of AITA, the office of the Administrator had created a WhatsApp Group for expedited communication, joining all persons whose mobile numbers were found in the body of the Court order, requesting for a Memo of Parties of the Petition with contact details of the parties and counsels. A message to this effect was circulated by the Administrator's office on 29.04.2026 on this Group.
3. In the meantime, by a message dated 30.04.2026 Mr. Akshit Pradhan, (Claiming to be Advocate for the Gujrat State Tennis Association and other State Federations in the matter), it was informed that the new Interim Executive Committee was in the process of taking charge and requesting that only counsels duly authorized by the new Interim Executive Committee be involved in the process and given an audience.
4. On the 30.04.2026, an email was received from Mr. Sunder Iyer, informing that in terms of the order dated 27.04.2026, the Interim Executive Committee of AITA consisting of the following was formed:



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- (i) President: Mr. Chintan Parikh
- (ii) Secretary General: Mr. Sunder Iyer
- (iii) Treasurer: Mr. Dinesh Arora

5. It was also stated that this Interim Executive Committee had taken charge as office bearers on 30.04.2026 and an audience was requested with the undersigned on 01.05.2026.
6. Given the urgency of the matter, the Administrator decided to accept the request and fixed the meeting with the three office bearers at 11:00 a.m. on 01.05.2026.
7. The first meeting of the Interim Executive Committee of AITA with the Administrator was thus, convened on 01.05.2026 at 11:00 a.m. when it was decided as follows:
- (i) *The results of the office bearers and members of the Executive Committee (who would constitute the Interim Executive Committee in terms of the Delhi High Court order) would be posted on the website of AITA.*
 - (ii) *The Administrator shall visit AITA on 02.05.2026 at 12:00 p.m. accompanied by Mr. Dinesh Arora.*



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- (iii) *The Interim Executive Committee would scrutinize the existing Bye-laws of AITA and within one week, submit details of amendments, which, according to them are necessary to ensure that the Bye-laws of AITA are in compliance of the National Sports Governance Act as well as Sports Governance Rules.*
- (iv) *Mr. Akshit Pradhan, Advocate would make available the latest Bye-laws of AITA.*
8. On the 04.05.2026, the Administrator visited the office of AITA and took formal charge in terms of the order dated 27.04.2026. Mr. Sunder Iyer remained present in the meeting instead of Mr. Dinesh Arora. A request was made to Mr. Sunder Iyer to take steps in accordance with the directions of the High Court and make available all the records of AITA. Mr. Iyer has requested for a week's time to do so.
9. Given the gross insufficiency of the existing available space in AITA and its inability to make arrangements for "*appropriate office space and facilities*" for the Administrator for discharge of the appointed functions, it was noted that this aspect required calibration. The office bearers of AITA were requested to apply their mind to this difficulty and make suggestions.



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10. There can be no manner of doubt that there is grave urgency in the matter. Time bound directions have been issued by the Court and also ensuring the best interest of all the stakeholders i.e. the game, players, coaches as well as the organization and the limitations expressed to the Administrator, assistance is necessary to discharge the assigned tasks.
11. The Administrator, is in the above circumstances, left with no option but to function from her office at C-44 Ground Floor, Neeti Bagh, New Delhi-110049 which is about 4 kms. only from the office of AITA.
12. The Administrator has been informed that all the officer bearers of the Interim Executive Committee as well as the elected members are from all over the country. Mr. Chintan Parikh, President is residing and carrying on business in Ahmedabad, Gujarat; Mr. Sunder Iyer, Secretary General is a resident of Pune, Maharashtra, while Mr. Dinesh Arora, Treasurer is a resident of Amritsar, Punjab. Obviously, these office bearers would be able to travel only periodically to Delhi and the office of



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AITA. Thus, no office bearers of adequate seniority is available in AITA on a permanent basis.

13. The Administrator notes the lack of an effective platform for interaction of AITA with State Associations, coaches and players which is essential for imparting impetus to the game of lawn tennis as well as activities of AITA.
14. In order to efficiently discharge the functions, it is extremely necessary for the Administrator to have the assistance of a person who has experience in multitasking and is efficient.
15. The Administrator has been empowered to engage such other persons as may be needed for the purposes of carrying out the directions of the Court and also to fix fees for the same.
16. In this background, it is necessary to appoint a Facilitator who would regularly visit the office of AITA for a close co-ordination and enable efficient discharge of the day-to-day functioning of AITA by the Administrator. This would also impart efficiency in completion of the complex processes required to be completed to enable participation in



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domestic and international events by the players and any other function carried out by AITA.

17. The Administrator also finds that in order to examine the Bye-laws and proposed amendments to ensure that they comport to the requirements of law; finalize the electoral list and conduct elections, assistance of experts in the field is essential. The Administrator therefore is of the considered view that it is necessary to have the assistance of experts. The Administrator has made extensive enquiries and obtained the Curriculum Vitae of experts and shortlisted the following to assist in the matter:

- (i) Mr. Arghya Sengupta (Founder and Research Director, Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy)
(arghya.sengupta@gmail.com)

- (ii) Mr. Rakesh Munjal, Sr. Advocate - an expert on the Societies Registration Act and related laws with extensive experience in the conduct of elections in a host of organizations
(rakeshmunjal@ymail.com)



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(iii) Mr. Vasant Bhardwaj (a former Table Tennis International, who is a co-founder of Tenvic Sports Education Pvt. Ltd.) – who is extensively engaged in undertaking management and training in sports disciplines

(*vasanthbharadwaj10@gmail.com*)

18. The remuneration for the expert appointed shall be fixed on receipt of their consents.

19. Keeping in view the urgency in the matter, the following directions are issued for compliance:

(A) Having applied deep thought to the matter, the Administrator hereby appoints Ms. Illa Rawat, Former District Judge, Delhi, Mobile No.- 9717592062, email ID - ***illa_rawat@yahoo.co.in*** who has extensive administrative experience as a Facilitator to assist the Administrator in the discharge of the duties in terms of the Delhi High Court order dated 27.04.2026. The Facilitator shall be paid a monthly remuneration of Rs.1,00,000/- which shall be paid by AITA.



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- (B) The Facilitator would forthwith seek the willingness and consent of the above experts to assist the Administrator.
- (C) The Interim Executive Committee to make available the information and records in terms of Annexure-1 hereto at the earliest to the Facilitator as appointed above.
- (D) All communications to the Administrator on any matter relating to AITA or lawn tennis be sent to the following email ID -
administrator.aita@gmail.com
- (E) The Facilitator shall be assisted by Ms. Karnade Sindhayach, Advocate (+91 9773751213) and Mr. Mast Ram Choudhary (+91 9810579053).
- (F) Stenographic assistance will be taken by the Administrator and the Facilitator. Fees of the Stenographer shall be paid for by the AITA.
- (G) The contact details of all elected members of the Interim Executive Committee of the AITA be made available.

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Administrator

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Annexure-1

**I. Structure and constitution of AITA and the Trust
by the same name**

- (i) Constitution, Bye-laws, Certificate of Incorporation of the AITA
- (ii) Constitution, Bye-laws, Certificate of Incorporation of the Trust which carries the same name (probably AITA Trust)
- (iii) Membership of the Trust since its constitution
- (iv) Details of current office bearers of the AITA who are the office bearers of the said lawn tennis Trust as well.
- (v) Address of the Trust

II. Details of staff and employees (regular, contractual or outsourced)

- (i) Names and details in a tabulation giving designation, monthly salary/honorarium, mobile numbers, email-ids and date of joining
- (ii) Service contracts and appointment letters
- (iii) Job assignment

III. Financial Details

- (i) Budget of AITA



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- (ii)
- (iii) Sources of revenue
- (iv) Budget allocation and expenditure
- (v) Balance Sheets for the last 5 years
- (vi) Financial compliances and payments to be effected by AITA
- (vii) Government grants
- (viii) Grants from Sports Authority of India
- (ix) CSR funding or any other kind of funding
- (x) Details of all transactions between AITA and AITA Trust.
- (xi) Records related to all of the above.
- (xii) What is the method of signing and issuance of cheques.

IV. Movable Assets of AITA

- (i) Details of bank accounts with bank statements
- (ii) Details of fixed deposits with copies of instruments
- (iii) Full details of deposits and investments of any kind out of the funds of AITA with copies of instruments



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V. Details of immovable assets

- (i) Details of all immovable properties and assets wherein AITA has any right or interest (even of occupancy) with supporting documents
- (ii) Whether properties held as owner / lessee/licensee or any other capacity
- (iii) Supporting documents including receipts of payments

VI. Details of all services received from external entities

- (i) Contracts/agreements with external entities including DLTA, Sponsorship, equipment supplies etc. whereunder the external entity is obligated / AITA receives services/products of any kind.
- (ii) Above contracts/agreements with the AITA Trust.

VII. List of all affiliated/member associations/bodies

- (i) Particulars of above, with contacts (phone numbers & email IDs) of office bearers (President, Secretary, Treasurer)
- (ii) List of affiliated bodies and any other person or body with voting rights.

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VIII. Information regarding impending events

- (i) Complete details of impending national events
- (ii) Complete details of impending international events
- (iii) Event-wise steps to be undertaken with timeline fixed for completion
- (iv) Event-wise steps already completed

IX. Details of litigation

- (i) Whether any litigation is pending in any Court, Tribunal or Forum by or against AITA
- (ii) Details of the litigation including status, next date of hearing and particulars of counsel conducting the same

X. Details of players

- (i) Rank-wise details of players with contact details including mobile numbers and email-ID

XI. Details of coaches

- (i) Details of coaches with contact details including mobile numbers and email-ID



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XII. Selection Policy

- (i) Copy of the selection policy/policies for all age groups
- (ii) Details of Selectors with contact details including mobile numbers and email IDs

XIII. Training and Coaching activities of AITA

- (i) Calendar of the training and coaching activities of AITA including camps for the National teams.
- (ii) Premises at which such training activities are carried out
- (iii) Ownership of the premises where the coaching is conducted.

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Administrator**