## IN THE COURT OF APPEAL OF THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA

In the matter of an application in terms of Article 140 of the Constitution of Sri Lanka for mandates in the nature of Writs of Certiorari.

CA/WRIT/522/2021

Don Manuweige Don Jayaranjana No. 388/1, Dehiwala Road, Boralesgamuwa.

## **Petitioner**

Vs.

- Hon. Namal Rajapaksa
   Minister of Sports,
   No. 9,
   Philip Gunawardana Mawatha,
   Colombo 7.
- 1A. Hon. Roshan Ranasinghe Minister of Sports,No. 9,Philip Gunawardana Mawatha,Colombo 7.
- Amal Edirisooriya
   Director General,
   Department of Sports Development,
   No. 9,
   Philip Gunawardana Mawatha,
   Colombo 7.
- Anuradha Wijekoon
   Secretary, Ministry of Sports,
   No. 9,
   Philip Gunawardana Mawatha,
   Colombo 7.

4. Hon. Attorney General
Attorney General's Department,
Colombo 12.

Respondents

**Before** : Sobhitha Rajakaruna J.

Dhammika Ganepola J.

**Counsel** : Murshid Maharoof with Githme Senanayake for the Petitioner.

Sumathi Dharamawardena PC, ASG for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Respondent.

**Supported on:** 18.10.2022

**Decided on** : 09.12.2022

## Sobhitha Rajakaruna J.

The issues involved in this case are identical to that of in Application bearing No. CA/Writ/520/2021 and this Court delivering the order dated 09.12.2022 has already refused the said Application No. CA/Writ/520/2021.

In 1995, the Petitioner of the instant Application has also toured to South Korea with the Sri Lanka Men's National Volleyball team as a player and evaded returning to Sri Lanka. As a result of such conduct, the Sri Lanka Volleyball Federation ('Federation') by letter dated 12.08.1998, marked 'P2', has suspended the Petitioner from taking part and/or getting involved in any activities of the Federation for a period of 10 years from the date of their return to Sri Lanka someday.

The said suspension was relaxed after by the Federation after some time.

By letter dated 25.04.2017, marked 'P6', the Petitioner was removed from the post of Coach as he has acted in violation of Clause 4(s) of 'P5'.

The Appeal against 'P6' submitted by the Petitioner was rejected on the basis that the Appeal Committee was not empowered to examine the same in terms of the Sports Regulations as it had been lodged against a decision taken almost 4 years ago.

The Petitioner in the instant Application also challenges the same documents which were impugned in CA Writ 520/2021. Therefore, based on the reasons given in the order dated 09.12.2022 in CA Writ/520/2021, We proceed to refuse this Application as well.

Application is refused.

Judge of the Court of Appeal

Dhammika Ganepola J.

I agree.

Judge of the Court of Appeal