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Invalid candidature of Shri Deepak Dwivedi for General Body Election

Members

This is further to my list of Contestants for the Governing body election to be held on 29th March, 2025. You would observe that the validity of candidature of Shri Deepak Dwivedi was kept pending. This was as a result of ongoing dispute between the Management and Shri Deepak Dwivedi e.t.c pending before the Patiala House Court.

I have received legal opinions from two legal experts (including counsel for the Club, Smt. Sunita Bhardwaj) who are of the opinion that as per court's order, observations and directives, Shri Deepak Dwivedi was entitled to enter the Club and avail Facilities so provided by the Club. His contention that he is a Member of the Governing body and should be allowed to function as one could not be established by him before the Honorable Court as he has sought time to prove so.

Both the legal opinions therefore state that Shri Deepak Dwivedi is not entitled to contest the coming general body elections.

Based on these observations, I hereby declare the Candidature of Shri Deepak Dwivedi as invalid and not entitled to contest.

(Amit Sharma)
Returning Officer