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Sir/Madam,

I take this opportunity to apprise you regarding some unpleasant situation created by Athletic Federation of India by way of unauthorizedly interfering in the internal affairs of MAFI, the highest governing body in the country with regard to programmes/activities of masters athletes. It has created lots of discomfiture among the affiliated state unit including Orissa Masters Athletic Association.

It is understood from various social media platforms that the secretary, Athletic Federation of India has floated some notes/messages mentioning that they have received some complaints regarding financial irregularities of MAFI and urged the Master Athletes to directly register their names with AFI which will conduct events for them. This appears to be ridiculous and violets the basic principles of sports structure as it amounts to intentional interference in the affairs of an independent registered National sports body (MAFI) which runs it's programmes as per the bye- law of it's constitution. in addition to this, MAFI is affiliated to World Masters athletics and its only accountable to WMA and conducts its programs/activities issued by WMA from time to time.

Further it may be mentioned that the contents spread by the AFI in social media clearly indicates about the evil design of AFI to defame and destabilize MAFI and then usurp its management. It is believed that the group which had lost the last election to the present incumbent secretary, Mr. D David Premnath have started this propaganda with the support of two of the most tainted sports officials of the country Mr.Lalit Bhenot (implicated in C.W.G. 2010 scam and jailed for One year) and Mr. Madhukant Pathak(present treasure of AFI implicated in 2011 , Jarkhand National Games scam and sent to 14 days judicial custody) it is unfortunate that AFI instead of trying to improve their own track record(failed to produce a single medalist in Olympics and World Championship with sole exception of Anju Bobby Jorge) are engaged in creating disorder for a genuine National Sports body MAFI in total disregard to moral and ethical principles.

I would therefore impress upon you to appreciate our genuine concern and issue an advisory to MAFI in the matter.

With regards
Yours faithfully

(Santosh Kumar Das)
Hon'y Secretary
Orissa Masters Athletic Association

Copy to Mr. D David Premnath , Secretary General, MAFI, Bangalore for kind information and necessary action