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To,

Dr. (Prof.) Achyuta Samanta  
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Room No. 72,  
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Chennai

Shri Anil Choudhary  
Secretary General  
Volleyball Federation of India  
Room No. 72,  
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**Sub: Congratulations on behalf of IOA on being elected as the Office Bearers of the  
Volleyball Federation of India**

Dear President  
Dear Secretary General

The issue of elections of Volleyball Federation of India ("VFI") has been with checkered litigation since the commencement of the Election process this year. Due to two parallel elections being conducted, there was unfortunate litigation in VFI.

However, the Hon'ble High Court of Madras in a Suit titled "*Goa Volleyball Association V. Volleyball Federation of India & Others.*" in C.S. No. 113/2020 has vide judgement dated 11.11.2020 held that

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*"...it appears that the notice calling for the election issued by the President namely the 2<sup>nd</sup> Defendant in the suit itself has not been accepted by the majority of the members in executive committee and which has passed the resolution holding that only notice issued by the Secretary is valid."*

*"this Court is of the view that as the Executive Committee has passed a resolution and they decided to accept the election notice issued by the Secretary election conducted by the Returning Officer viz., 5th Defendant to be declared as a valid election."*

The Hon'ble High Court has held that the Elections held by the Notice issued by the Secretary General, VFI which was ratified by the Executive Committee, VFI to be the Valid Election i.e. the elections held on 12.03.2020. Further the President, VFI has also stated before the Court that he has withdrawn the notice for the election on 15.03.2020.

The Secretary General, IOA has also taken opinion from the Legal Team of IOA who were handling and appearing in the VFI cases on behalf of IOA. The Indian Olympic Association hereby accepts the elections of VFI held on 12.03.2020 and also congratulates the newly elected Office Bearers of the VFI for the elections held on 12.03.2020.

Best Regards,

**Rajeev Mehta**  
**Secretary General**

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1. International Volleyball Federation
2. Secretary (Sports), Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India
3. President, Indian Olympic Association
4. Shri S. Vasudevan
5. Shri Ramavtar Singh Jakhar
6. Treasurer, VFI