OFFICE OF THE ELECTORAL OFFICER
ALL INDIA FOOTBALL FEDERATION (AIFF)

ORDER

Subject: - Requests for withdrawal of candidature by validly nominated candidates for election as Sports Persons of Outstanding Merit (SOM) to the General Body of the All India Football Federation.

Whereas, the election schedule dated 03.11.2026 was issued for conducting the election of Sports Persons of Outstanding Merit (SOM) as Representatives to the General Body of the All India Football Federation;

And whereas, as per the said election schedule, 20.11.2026 was the last date for withdrawal of candidature up to 3:00 PM;

And whereas, out of nine validly nominated candidates only two candidates namely ; Shri U. Sharafali and Ms. Sradhanjali Samantaray have submitted requests through email seeking withdrawal of their respective candidature. Ms. Sradhanjali Samantaray has submitted her request in the prescribed Form 5 through email, whereas Shri U. Sharafali has submitted his request through email without the prescribed Form 5;

And whereas, in terms of Article 7.2 of Schedule III of the AIFF Constitution, the notice of withdrawal of candidature is required to be submitted in Form 5, by the candidate himself/herself;

And whereas, Article 7.4 of Schedule III further requires the Electoral Officer to satisfy himself regarding the genuineness of the notice of withdrawal;

And whereas, neither of the above-named candidates appeared personally before the under signed for submission and authentication of their respective withdrawal requests, and the genuineness of the requests could not be established in accordance with the prescribed procedure;

Now, therefore, in view of the aforesaid provisions and the circumstances stated above, the requests for withdrawal of candidature submitted by Shri U. Sharafali and Ms. Sradhanjali Samantaray through email are hereby REJECTED.

Date: 20th November, 2026
Place: New Delhi

(Rajeev Sharma)
Electoral Officer 20/11/2026
All India Football Federation

Endorsement 1/AIFF/Elections/2026 Date: 20th November, 2026
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A copy of above order is to Deputy Secretary General of AIFF with the request to:-

1. Upload the above order on the website of AIFF ;
2. Send a copy of the above order to all the concerned; and
3. Paste a copy of order on notice board of AIFF.

Electoral Officer
All India Football Federation 20/11/2026