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Subj: Decision of the Anti-Doping Disciplinary Panel Case No.- 33/ADDP/2025.

NADA VS. Mr. Harendra Kumar (ADAMS ID – SIHAMA30461)

The order containing the decision of the Anti-Doping Disciplinary Panel dated 22.04.2026 in respect of the final hearing of the above case held on 11.03.2026 is enclosed.

Please note that according to Article 13.2.2 of Anti-Doping Rules of NADA 2021, **the time to file an appeal to the National Anti-Doping Appeal Panel shall be twenty-one (21) days from the date of receipt of this decision by the appealing party.** The appeal may be filed by email at antidoping-panel@gov.in or may be filed directly at the office of the Anti- Doping Panel at J.L.N. Stadium, Ground Floor, Staircase No. 5, Near AICS Office, Lodi Road, New Delhi- 110003.

WADA and the International Federation have a right to appeal against the decision in accordance with Anti-Doping Rules.

Also please note that according to Article 10.7.1- (**Substantial Assistance in Discovering or Establishing Anti-Doping Rule Violations**)- Any period of Ineligibility imposed may be partially suspended if you assist NADA in uncovering and/or establishing an ADRV by another Athlete or Athlete Support Personnel pursuant to Article 10.7.1 ADR. Further, the athlete is subjected to a doping control test during the ineligibility period, therefore, the athlete is required to update his residential address as and when changed.

Copy of the NADA Anti-Doping Rules 2021 may be downloaded from NADA website at the following link: - <https://nadaindia.yas.gov.in>

The receipt of this communication may be acknowledged.

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Copy forwarded together with the copy of the order containing the decision of the Anti-Doping Disciplinary Panel for information and action deemed necessary:

1. The World Anti-Doping Agency, Stock Exchange Tower, 800 Place Victoria (Suit 1700) P. O. Box 180, Montreal (Quebec), H4Z 1B7, Canada.
2. Athletics Federation of India, G-3, Community Center, C Block, Naraina Vihar, New Delhi - 110028.
3. Athletics Integrity Unit, 1st Floor 6 Quai Antoine 1er MC 98007 Monaco.

BEFORE THE ANTI-DOPING DISCIPLINARY PANEL

J.L.N. Stadium, Lodhi Road, New Delhi -110003

Case No. 33/ADDP/2025

**In the matter of Mr. Harendra Kumar for the violation of Article 10.14.1 of
the National Anti-Doping Rules, 2021**

(PROCEEDINGS CONDUCTED THROUGH VIRTUAL MODE)

Quorum: *Mr. Sarthak Chaturvedi, Chairperson & Legal Member*

Dr. Bhaskar Borgohain, Medical Member

Ms. Deepali Deshpande, Sports Member

Present: *Ms. Harendra Kumar, Athlete*

*Mr. Prateek Dhanda, Advocate and Mr. Yasir Arafat Law Officer of
NADA.*

JUDGEMENT DATED 22.04.2026

- A. The present proceedings before this Anti-Doping Disciplinary Panel (ADDP) constituted under the National Anti-Doping Rules **Article 8** emanate from the violation of the National Anti-Doping Rules **Article 10.14.1 (Prohibition Against Participation During Ineligibility)**. The National Anti-Doping Agency hereinafter referred as "NADA" and Anti-Doping Rules as "the ADR" in abbreviated form. Unless otherwise specified, all capitalized terms herein shall bear the meaning ascribed to them under the ADR.
- B. The Athlete, **Mr. Harendra Kumar**, is a long-distance athlete (3000m or above) from India. He was sanctioned by the Anti-Doping Disciplinary Panel for a period of 4 years ineligibility on 28.12.2022 following an

Adverse Analytical Finding for Darbepoetin (dEPO), a substance classified under S2 of the WADA Prohibited List, from a sample collected on 11.06.2022 during the 61st National Inter State Senior Athletics Championship at Chennai, Tamil Nadu.

C. That the brief facts of the case are as follows:

1. That on **11.06.2022**, a NADA Doping Control Officer collected the Athlete's urine sample during the 61st National Inter State Senior Athletics Championship held at Chennai, Tamil Nadu. The sample was assigned Code **A 6491649 and B 6491649**.
2. That the sample was transported to the World Anti-Doping Agency ("WADA")-accredited Laboratory, National Dope Testing Laboratory, Delhi. The Laboratory analysed the 'A' Sample and returned an Adverse Analytical Finding ("AAF") for **S2. Peptide Hormones, Growth Factors, Related Substances and Mimetics / Darbepoetin (dEPO)**.
3. The Athlete was notified of the AAF vide letter no. **F. No. 03/04/2021/NADA dated 03.08.2022** and was provisionally suspended with immediate effect.
4. The Athlete was sanctioned by ADDP four years of ineligibility, commencing from 03.08.2022.
5. It is alleged that the Athlete took part in the "**10th New Delhi Half Marathon**" held at New Delhi on **23rd February 2025**, while serving his period of ineligibility, thereby violating **Article 10.14.1** of the NADR, 2021. The Athlete finished 3rd in the 10km Run and received a prize money of Rs. 10,000/-.
6. The **Athletics Federation of India (AFI)** vide letter dated **24.02.2025** brought this participation to the notice of NADA, requesting appropriate action.

7. The Athlete was issued a Notification for violation of **Article 10.14.1** dated **11.09.2025**, followed by a **Notice of Charge** dated **06.10.2025** having **F no. K-11/62/2025-TO**, proposing a new period of ineligibility equal in length to the original period of ineligibility to be added to the end of the original period, along with disqualification of results from the marathon.
8. The Anti-Doping Disciplinary Panel (ADDP) was constituted to adjudicate the case on **26.12.2025**. The final hearing was convened on **11.03.2025**, wherein the Athlete appeared and made his submissions, and NADA was represented by its Law Officer.
9. The Athlete submitted his **reply dated 25.09.2025** and during the final hearing held on **11.03.2025**, the Athlete **accepted the violation** of Article 10.14.1.

D. ANTI-DOPING RULE VIOLATION(S) COMMITTED:

That the Athlete violated the National Anti-Doping Rules, 2021, **Article 10.14.1** (Prohibition Against Participation During Ineligibility) by participating in the "10th New Delhi Half Marathon" on **23.02.2025** while serving a period of ineligibility imposed upon him for prior Anti-Doping Rule Violations under **Articles 2.1 and 2.2**.

E. APPLICABLE CONSEQUENCES:

1. The original period of ineligibility imposed upon the Athlete was **four (4) years** (from 03.08.2022 to 02.08.2026) for violations of Articles 2.1 and 2.2.
2. The Consequences for violation of **Article 10.14.1** are governed by **Article 10.14.3 of the NADR 2021**, which states:

"Where an Athlete or other Person who has been declared Ineligible violates the prohibition against participation during Ineligibility described in Article 10.14.1, the results of such participation shall be Disqualified and a new period of Ineligibility equal in length to the original period of Ineligibility shall be added to the end of the original period of Ineligibility. The new period of Ineligibility, including a reprimand and no period of Ineligibility, may be adjusted based on the Athlete or other Person's degree of Fault and other circumstances of the case."

3. The original period of ineligibility was **four (4) years**. Therefore, the baseline sanction under Article 10.14.3 is a new period of ineligibility of **four (4) years**, to be served consecutively to the original period.
4. **Disqualification of results** shall follow under **Article 10.14.3**, disqualifying all competitive results obtained by the Athlete from the Event in which the violation occurred, i.e., the "10th New Delhi Half Marathon" held on **23.02.2025**, with all resulting consequences including forfeiture of any medals, points, prizes, and appearance money.
5. Public disclosure shall be made in accordance with **Article 14.3** of the NADR, 2021.

F. SUBMISSIONS MADE BY THE ATHLETE'S ARE REPRODUCED HEREIN:

1. During the Anti-Doping Disciplinary Panel (ADDP) Hearing, the Athlete accepted that he had participated in the "**10th New Delhi Half Marathon**" on **23.02.2025** while serving his period of ineligibility.
2. The Athlete submitted that he had gone to the marathon as a spectator with friends. His friends informed him that it was a private event organized by Apollo, where he could participate. Believing it to be a

private event not covered by his ban, he decided to participate and finished 3rd, winning Rs. 10,000/- as prize money.

3. The Athlete stated that upon realizing that the event was partly organized by a federation, he immediately returned the prize money and requested the organizers to disqualify him from the event. He submitted that this demonstrated his good faith and lack of intent to circumvent his ban.
4. The Athlete pleaded that the participation was not intentional but a result of misunderstanding regarding the nature of the event. He expressed sincere remorse and apologized for his actions.
5. The Athlete submitted that only one year of his original suspension remained at the time of this violation, and he assured the Panel that he would not participate in any kind of sports in the future during any period of ineligibility.
6. The Athlete prayed that the Panel consider his misunderstanding, his immediate return of the prize money, his remorse, and his clean record prior to the original violation, and requested that his period of ineligibility not be increased further.

G. SUBMISSIONS MADE BY NADA ARE REPRODUCED HEREIN:

1. NADA contended that **Article 10.14.1 of the NADR, 2021** clearly prohibits an athlete who has been declared ineligible from participating in any capacity in any competition or activity authorized or organized by any Signatory, Signatory's member organization, or a club or other member organization of a Signatory's member organization.

2. NADA submitted that the "10th New Delhi Half Marathon" was a national-level event organized with the involvement of the Athletics Federation of India (AFI), a Signatory's member organization. The AFI had itself written to NADA requesting deputation of officials for sample collection at this event, confirming its status as an event covered under the prohibition.
3. NADA argued that the Athlete's claim of misunderstanding does not absolve him of responsibility. It is the personal duty of every athlete to know the terms of their sanction and to ensure compliance. The Athlete took no steps to verify the status of the event before participating.
4. NADA prayed that in accordance with **Article 10.14.3**, a new period of ineligibility equal in length to the original period of ineligibility (four years) be added to the end of the original period, and that the results from the marathon be disqualified.

H. OBSERVATION OF THE ADDP:

1. The Panel has given due consideration to the submissions made by both the parties and has meticulously examined the evidence and material placed on record including the Athlete's admission during the hearing, his written reply, and the communications from the Athletics Federation of India.
2. The Panel notes that the Athlete has **unequivocally accepted** that he participated in the "10th New Delhi Half Marathon" on 23.02.2025 while serving his period of ineligibility. This admission is recorded and forms the basis of these proceedings.
3. The Panel observes that **Article 10.14.1 of the NADR, 2021** imposes a clear and absolute prohibition on participation during a period of ineligibility. The rationale behind this provision is to ensure that the

sanction imposed on an athlete is effective and that the athlete does not enjoy the privileges of competition while serving a ban for doping violations.

4. The Panel has examined the Athlete's explanation that he believed the marathon to be a "private event." The Panel notes that the event was the "10th New Delhi Half Marathon," a well-known national-level event. The Athletics Federation of India had written to NADA requesting sample collection at this event, clearly indicating its status as an event under the ambit of the Federation. An athlete of the Athlete's experience, who had previously participated in national-level championships, ought to have known or at least made reasonable inquiries to ascertain the nature of the event before participating. His failure to do so constitutes a lack of due diligence.
5. Balancing the need to uphold the integrity of the anti-doping rules and the prohibition against participation, the Panel determines that a new period of ineligibility of **four (4) years** is appropriate and proportionate.
6. The Panel clarifies that this new period of ineligibility shall be served **consecutively** to the original period of ineligibility, as mandated by **Article 10.14.3**. The original period of ineligibility ended on **02.08.2026**. Therefore, the new period of ineligibility shall commence on **02.08.2026** and shall conclude at midnight on **01.08.2030**.
7. In accordance with **Article 10.14.3**, the results obtained by the Athlete from the "**10th New Delhi Half Marathon**" held on **23.02.2025** shall **be disqualified**. The Athlete's 3rd place finish, along with any medals, points, prizes, and appearance money (including the Rs. 10,000/- which he has already returned), shall be forfeited. The organizers are directed to amend the results accordingly.

I. FINDING OF THE ADDP:

In view of the above-mentioned facts, circumstances, and the Athlete's admission of the violation, it is held that the Athlete has violated **Article 10.14.1** of the NADR, 2021. The Athlete is hereby sanctioned as follows: The period of ineligibility shall be a new period of **four (4) years**, to be added to the end of the original period of ineligibility. The original period **will end on 02.08.2026**. Accordingly, the new period of ineligibility shall commence on **02.08.2026** and shall conclude at midnight on **01.08.2030**.

J. DISQUALIFICATION OF RESULT:

The Anti-Doping Disciplinary Panel (ADDP) directs that, in accordance with Article 10.14.3, all competitive results obtained by the Athlete from the "10th New Delhi Half Marathon" held on **23.02.2025** shall stand disqualified, with all resulting consequences, including forfeiture of any medals, points, prizes, and appearance money. The organizers are directed to amend the results accordingly.



Adv. Sarthak Chaturvedi
(Chairperson)



Dr. Bhaskar Borgohain
(Medical Member)



Ms. Deepali Deshpande
(Sports Member)