BEFORE JUSTICE ARUN MISHRA
FORMER JUDGE, SUPREME COURT OF INDIA

ETHICS OFFICER
THE BOARD OF CONTROL FOR CRICKET IN INDIA

In Re: Complaint dated 30.09.2025 made by Mr. Sanjeev Gupta against Mr. Sudhir Asnani, Secretary Madhya Pradesh Cricket Association & BCCI Administrator, sent to the Ethics Officer, Board of Control for Cricket in India.

ORDER

1. The complaint dated 30.09.2025 was filed under Rules 38 & 39 of the Rules and Regulations (the Rules) of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI). Complainant alleged that Respondent occupied two posts simultaneously, viz., member of the Umpiring Committee of BCCI and Secretary at Madhya Pradesh Cricket Association (MPCA), which was impermissible under Rule 38 of the Rules. Prayer was made to declare that an instance of Conflict of Interest was made out and to take disciplinary action of termination or removal without benefits against the respondent.

2. Show Cause Notice (SCN) was issued to the respondent on 11.10.2025, to which reply has been filed on 25.10.2025. It is submitted in the reply that the respondent had tendered his resignation from the post of BCCI Umpires Committee on 04.09.2025 i.e. within 2 days of his election as Honorary Secretary at MPCA. Copy of the resignation was marked to the Hon. Secretary, BCCI, as well as to the General Manager, Game Development, BCCI. Copy of the resignation sent via email is attached with respondent's reply to the SCN. Thus, it is submitted that no instance of conflict of interest is made out. It is also submitted that it was incumbent upon the Complainant to ascertain the true facts either from the respondent or from the BCCI before filing such a complaint. Respondent has attacked the

complainant's credentials, stating that he has a documented pattern of filing frivolous and vexatious complaints, which he withdraws after undue public attention. Complainant habitually engages in selective and speculative scrutiny of information, files vexatious litigations, which is an abuse of adjudication process.

3. A copy of the respondent's reply was supplied to the complainant as well. A rejoinder has been filed by complainant, wherein he has not denied the factum of respondent's resignation from the post of Member, Umpires Committee, BCCI. With regard to respondent's submissions about complainant's lack of verification of true facts and of complainant's pattern of habitually indulging in large number of litigations, complainant has inter alia labelled them as "nonsense".

4. The language used in particular in rejoinder appears to be intemperate, which was avoidable. Parties if so advised should not use such language against each other.

5. It is not necessary to decide the question of Conflict of Interest under Rules 38 & 39 as the respondent resigned from the post of BCCI Umpires Committee within a period of 2 days itself upon his election as Hony. Secretary, MPCA.

6. Complaint is dismissed as infructuous.

Dated: 28.10.2025

(Justice Arun Mishra)
Ethics Officer, BCCI