BEFORE JUSTICE ARUN KUMAR MISHRA FORMER JUDGE, SUPREME COURT OF INDIA

ETHICS OFFICER THE BOARD OF CONTROL FOR CRICKET IN INDIA

In Re: Complaint dated 06.08.2025 made by Mr. Santanu Basu against Suburban Club Registered under Cricket Association of Bengal (CAB), sent to the Ethics Officer, Board of Control for Cricket in India

ORDER

- **1.** This complaint dated 06.08.2025 has been filed in continuation of the complaint dated 09/10.01.2025.
- 2. The complaint dated 09/10.01.2025 has been filed with the Secretary, Cricket Association of Bengal (CAB), Kolkata, West Bengal, which is regarding fraud as to the age, domicile and educational qualification for restricted players in Cricket Association of Bengal Tournament. The names of 7 players have been mentioned in complaint. It is alleged that said 7 players have submitted forged Aadhar, School Certificate and other documents to secure their registration and participation. Consequently, there is a violation of rules arising out of the aforesaid practice. As such, a request was made to the Cricket Association of Bengal to investigate into the complaint, look into the irregularities and take stringent action against the players found guilty, and to penalize officials involved in facilitating such fraudulent activities and to take other oversight measures.
- **3.** In the complaint dated 06.08.2025, it is mentioned that the complainant had filed a previous complaint on 09/10.01.2025 regarding the Suburban Club, registered under the CAB. There is violation of BCCI's code of conduct by fielding players with forged documents in 2nd division cricket tournaments.



4. It is further alleged that RTI query information disclosed address mismatch, non-compliance of the annual returns, no alterations have been filed with the Registrar and there are financial and ethical violations. The club continues to receive grants and prize money from CAB which also allows players with forged

documents to participate in the official tournaments.

5. Prayer has been made to the Ethics Committee of the BCCI to scrutinize the

affairs of the club, and to investigate the legitimacy of the players in the CAB

tournaments fielded by the Club and to take disciplinary action against those

responsible, to ensure transparency and compliance in club-level cricket, to

uphold the spirit of the game.

6. The complainant has not mentioned the outcome of the complaint filed before

the Cricket Association of Bengal dated 09/10.01.2025. The second complaint

refers to this complaint dated 09/10.01.2025 and hovers around that.

7. As the main complaint is not addressed to the Ethics Officer, it is addressed to

the Cricket Association of Bengal, it is considered appropriate in case his first

complaint is pending before the CAB, let it deal with both the complaints as

considered fit by it.

8. Accordingly, both the complaints stand disposed of. Let a copy of both

complaints be forwarded, along with the copy of the order, to the Cricket

Association of Bengal.

Dated: 11.09.2025

(Justice Arun Mishra)

Ethics Officer, BCCI