

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

**OMBUDSMAN  
THE BOARD OF CONTROL FOR CRICKET IN INDIA**

(Arising out of Inquiry Report dated 14.08.2025 filed by Mr. Dheeraj Malhotra, Manager, Anti-Corruption Unit, Board of Control for Cricket in India, forwarded to Ombudsman, BCCI, by Head Anti-Corruption Unit, BCCI)

**Reference No. 02/2025**

**In the matter of:**

**Mr. Raja Reddy  
Video Analyst (Empanelled by BCCI)  
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**ORDER**

1. Respondent is a Video Analyst empanelled by the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI). Mr. Girinath Reddy, a cricket player of the Andhra Cricket Association reported corrupt approach made to him by the respondent. In relation to the Quarter Final match of the Ranji Trophy Tournament which was scheduled to be played from 23.02.2024 to 26.02.2024 at Holkar Cricket Stadium, Indore between the teams representing the Andhra Cricket Association (ACA) and Madhya Pradesh Cricket Association (MPCA). The player promptly reported the matter first to his Team Manager, namely, Mr. Jugal Kishore. Both the player and the Team Manager promptly reported the incident to the Anti-Corruption and Security Unit (ACSU) of the BCCI, which then conducted an inquiry into the same under the provisions



of the BCCI's Anti-Corruption Code for Participants (hereinafter the Code).

2. During the course of Inquiry, the ACSU recorded statements of the three persons mentioned above viz. Mr. Girinath Reddy (the player), Mr. Jugal Kishore (Team Manager) and the respondent (Mr. Raja Reddy). Besides this, the mobile phone and email accounts of the respondent were also examined. Although the respondent had deleted his WhatsApp chat with the player, the screenshots and chat archive provided by the player to the ACSU were shown to the respondent, who verified the accuracy of the same. Upon conclusion of the Inquiry, a detailed report came to be forwarded to by the Head, ACSU, which found the following charges against the respondent:

### **CORRUPTION**

- I. **Article 2.1.3** Seeking, accepting, offering or agreeing to accept any bribe or other Reward to: (a) fix or to contrive in any way or otherwise to influence improperly the result, progress, conduct or any other aspect of any Match or Event; or (b) ensure the Betting or other corrupt purposes the occurrence of a particular incident in a *Domestic Match* or in a Match organized by or falling within the jurisdiction of the *BCCI or a Member Cricket Association*.
- II. **Article 2.1.4** Directly or indirectly soliciting, inducing, enticing, instructing, persuading, encouraging or intentionally facilitating any Participant to breach any of the following provisions of the Article 2.1.1

**2.1.1** Fixing or contriving in any way or otherwise influencing improperly, or being a



party to any agreement or effort to fix or contrive in any way (or otherwise influence improperly, the result, progress, conduct or any other aspect of any Match or Event including (without limitation) by deliberately underperforming therein.

### **BETTING**

- III. **Article 2.2.1** Placing, accepting, laying or otherwise entering into any Bet with any other party (whether individual, company or otherwise) in relation to the result, progress, conduct or any other aspect of any Match or Event.

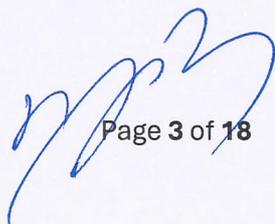
### **MISUSE OF INSIDE INFORMATION**

- IV. **Article 2.3.3** Directly or indirectly soliciting, inducing, enticing, persuading, encouraging or intentionally facilitating any Participant to breach any of the foregoing provisions of the Article 2.3.2.

**2.3.2** Disclosing Inside Information to any person where the Participant knew or should have known that such disclosure might lead to the information being used in relation to Betting in relation to a Domestic Match or in a Match organized by or falling within the jurisdiction of the BCCI or a Member Cricket Association.

### **GENERAL**

- V. **2.4.1** Giving or providing to any Participant any gift, payment, hospitality or other benefit (whether of a monetary value or otherwise) either (a) for the purpose of procuring (directly or indirectly) any breach of the Anti-Corruption Code, or (b) in circumstances that could bring him/her or the sport of cricket into disrepute.



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**VI. Article 2.4.7** Obstructing or delaying any investigation that may be carried out by the ACU BCCI in relation to possible Corrupt Conduct under the Anti-Corruption Code (by any Participant), including (without limitation) concealing, tampering with or destroying any documentation or other information that may be relevant to that investigation and/or that may be evidence of or may lead to the discovery of evidence of Corrupt Conduct under the Anti-Corruption Code.

3. Show Cause Notice (SCN) dated 24.09.2025 was issued to the respondent. A copy of the Inquiry Report, along with its annexures, was provided to him. Respondent was directed to submit a comprehensive reply addressing each point clearly, along with any evidence or arguments that he may wish to present in his defence, including any mitigating circumstances/factors that he may wish to rely upon. Respondent submitted his reply as an email text. The said reply dated 14.10.2025 is extracted hereinbelow:

“Regarding the notice I'm submitting my response here, Sir I Explained Dheeraj sir the same Thing, sir I called him and asked are you playing today and you're the new ball bowler today for the team because I know the fast bowler injured and there are some internal politics in the team and groupism and other issue inside the team because I did the last match they played, after asking this he said I didn't know why you're asking me then he said I have a team meeting have to go, then I said pls don't mind me for asking this he said all are here there are asking me who, I said sorry its my fault pls don't worry, sir I called him only because I know him well than others, I don't have any other intentions and I don't know any persons and nobody asked me to do it, and I never ever called any Player and asked to do misbehave in the past also, I'm in this profession from last 15 years and this my livelihood I don't have any other job

this is the only income I have and sir you can ask and check with any player or anyone”

4. In his statement to the ACSU the player mentioned that a day prior to the scheduled commencement of the Ranji Trophy Match in question, the respondent had sought information about ‘*Playing XI*’ and said that if he will give five runs in his 2 overs then he will be paid Rs. 5 lacs. To that end, respondent made several WhatsApp calls to Girinath Reddy. The relevant portion of the Inquiry Report is extracted hereinunder:

“22. Girinath Reddy reported the following:

22.1 Raja Reddy had been trying to contact him since 11:13 am that morning via WhatsApp messages and calls. As he was busy in the practice session he could not answer Raja Reddy’s call and later texted the same to Raja Reddy.

22.2 Raja Reddy texted Girinath Reddy again at 12:50 pm to see if Girinath Reddy was free to talk.

22.3 Raja Reddy made a WhatsApp call to Girinath Reddy at 1:14 pm. (screenshot of the call was submitted for records)

22.4 Raja Reddy after greeting him asked Girinath Reddy “if he was in the playing XI for the match”.

22.5 Girinath Reddy replied that “he did not know” if he was in the playing XI.

22.6 Raja Reddy then told him “that if he (Girinath Reddy) will give 5 runs in his 2 overs then he will be paid Rs. 5 lacs”.

22.7 Girinath Reddy then replied to Raja Reddy that this was wrong and he will not do such a thing.

22.8 Girinath Reddy further told Raja Reddy that he will be reporting this conversation to the Team Manager and disconnected the call.

22.9 Girinath Reddy reported and narrated the incident to his Team Manager, Mr. Jugal Kishore.”

5. Screenshots of the WhatsApp chat history was provided by Mr. Girinath Reddy to the ACSU of the conversation between him and the respondent. The same is extracted from Inquiry Report hereinunder:

**Details of WhatsApp chat between Girinath Reddy and Raja Reddy**

“28. WhatsApp message **before** the alleged call (in Telugu & translated to English, where required – in {red}). +919704251975 is Raja Reddy’s number in conversation with Girinath Reddy.

[22/02/24, 11:13:55 AM] +919704251975: Messages and calls are end-to-end encrypted. No one outside of this chat, not even WhatsApp, can read or listen to them.

[22/02/24, 11:13.55 AM] +919704251975: Hi., thammudu {Hi, brother}

[22/02/24, 11:24.15 AM] +919704251975: Call once when you’re free

[22/02/24, 11:35.10 AM] +919704251975: Missed voice call, Tap to call back {Raja Reddy called Girinath Reddy but the call was not answered}

[22/02/24, 11:37.51 AM] +919704251975: Thammudu nenu Raja Reddy video analyst {Brother, I am Raja Reddy video analyst}

[22/02/24, 11:37.56 AM] +919704251975: Call me

[22/02/24, 11:42.12 AM] Girinathreddy: Anna cheppandi Anna {Brother, tell me}

[22/02/24, 11:42.16 AM] Girinathreddy: Practice lo vunna anna {rother, I am at practice}

[22/02/24, 11:42.33 AM] +919704251975: Ok fre ayaka call chey va {Ok, call when free}

[22/02/24, 11:42.39 AM] +919704251975 : 2 mins

[22/02/24, 11:43.09 AM] Girinathreddy: Ok Anna practice ayyaka lchesthaa anna {Ok brother, after practice I will call}

[22/02/24, 11:43.42 AM] +919704251975: Sare marchipoku {Don’t forget}



[22/02/24, 12:50.43 PM] +919704251975: Free ga vunava {Are you free now?}

[22/02/24, 12:51.18 PM] Girinathreddy: Anna bowlers meeting vundhi anna msg cheiyandi anna emina vunte {Brother now bowlers meeting. If anything, send me message}

[22/02/24, 12:51.38 PM] +919704251975: 2 mins thammudu {2 mins brother}

[22/02/24, 12:51.49 PM] +919704251975: Free ayaka matladatha {After you are free, will you call me}

[22/02/24, 12:52.02 PM] +919704251975: Sare na {ok}

[22/02/24, 12:52.11 PM] +919704251975: Msg lo chepedi kadu {you can tell me in message also}

[22/02/24, 12:52.56 PM] +919704251975: Nuvvu eppudu call cheymantavo cheppu appudu chesta {when you want I will call you}

[22/02/24, 1:07.28 PM] +919704251975: Ok na

29. WhatsApp message **after** the allegation call (in Telugu & translated to English where required in {red})

[22/02/24, 1:19:09 PM] +919704251975: Meeting ayaka okasari call chey thammudu {After the meeting call me brother}

[22/02/24, 1:30:21 PM] Girinathreddy: Anna Miru call chesinappudu pakka na manager vunnaru anna yevvaru ema ani aadiguthunaru em cheppali anna lppudu {Brother when you called, the manager was with me. Manager is asking me about the call, What should I tell him}

[22/02/24, 1:40:15 PM] Girinathreddy: Ila aadigaru anna cheppethaa anna {He asked me and I will tell him}

[22/02/24, 1:41:52 PM] Girinathreddy: Malla naakui risk avutundhi yendhuku inform chei ledhu aani {If I don't inform him, it will be a risk for me}

[22/02/24, 1:48:02 PM] +919704251975: Enduku thammudu friend chesadu ani cheppu {Why brother, tell him friend is calling me}

[22/02/24, 1:49:42 PM] Girinathreddy: Vinnaru anna Ayinaa yentii Miru nenu yela kanipisthunan Anna {Manager has already heard the conversation and asking me. What do you think ok me}

[22/02/24, 1:49:43 PM] +919704251975: Neeku risk emundi manam emaina deep discussion petaka ledu kada just one word don't worry {Why is it risk for you. We have only discussed one word. Don't worry}

[22/02/24, 1:50:12 PM] +919704251975: Ayyo thammudu thappuga anukoku {Brother don't think otherwise}

[22/02/24, 1:50:14 PM] Girinathreddy: Aala Aadagadam kuda thappu kadha anna {Brother even asking that is a wrong thing}

[22/02/24, 1:50:16 PM] +919704251975: Vadiley {Leave it}

[22/02/24, 1:50:32 PM] +919704251975: Sorry nade thappu {Sorry, I am wrong}

[22/02/24, 1:50:39 PM] Girinathreddy: Nenu ayite inform chestha anna ila aanaru Anna nenu risk teesukonu {I will inform brother, I will not take risk}

[22/02/24, 1:51:02 PM] Girinathreddy: Aayana vinnaru Miru lmatiadinadhi {He Has heard, you talk to him}

[22/02/24, 1:51:04 PM] +919704251975: Neeku emi kadu thammudu {Nothing will happen to you}

[22/02/24, 1:51:39 PM] +919704251975: Mamulaga matiada anthe vadiley {It is only a casual talk, leave it}

[22/02/24, 1:53:40 PM] Girinathreddy: Yentii Anna Miru Anna aani matiadite {Why brother, why are you talking like that}

[22/02/24, 2:02:03 PM] Girinathreddy: Nenu ayite inform Chesthunna anna nenu lrisk teesukonu manager ki ila aadigaru aani {Brother I will inform him, I will not take any risk because he asked me like that}

[22/02/24, 2:02:32 PM] Girinathreddy: Miru bcci lo vundii ila Aadagadamk chaala thappu anna {You are in BCCI so it is very wrong of you to ask me like this}

[22/02/24, 2:02:59 PM] Girinathreddy: I'm sorry I'm informing to manager



[22/02/24, 2:03:24 PM] +919704251975: Thammudu thappuga anukoku neeku emi kadu {Brother don't feel bad about it, nothing will happen to you.}

[22/02/24, 2:03:44 PM] +919704251975: Manam matladindi one minute {we can speak for one minute}

[22/02/24, 2:04:09 PM] +919704251975: Sorry nade thappu {sorry it is my mistake}

[22/02/24, 2:05:01 PM] +919704251975: Nadi job neeku emi kadu vadiley {my job, nothing will happen to you}

[22/02/24, 2:05:50 PM] +919704251975: Nene porapatuga adiga vadiley (I ASKED BY MISTAKE)

[22/02/24, 2:06:23 PM] +919704251975: Thammudu Neeku emi kadu {Brother, nothing will happen to you}"

6. The WhatsApp call and chat history show that the respondent repeatedly called Mr. Girinath Reddy, who refused to indulge with the respondent. Mr Girinath Reddy unambiguously told the respondent that he would report the incident to his Team Manager. Respondent acknowledged his mistake to Mr. Girinath. The player's statement to the ACSU plainly states that he refused to divulge any information about the Playing XI to the respondent or to do anything in furtherance of the offer for money in exchange for bowling performance in a particular manner. The corrupt approach made by the respondent was promptly reported by him to his Team Manager, which is corroborated by the Team Manager's written statement to the ACSU.

7. During the inquiry, the respondent was 'questioned' by the ACSU and the same was recorded with the respondent's consent. When called upon to produce his WhatsApp chat with Girinath Reddy, the respondent informed the ACSU that he had deleted the chat on 22.02.2024 itself when Mr. Girinath has stated that he would report the



matter to the Team Manager. However, respondent was confronted with the chat history as provided by the player. Respondent acknowledged the same and confirmed the contents of the screenshots/chat history to be true. Respondent accepted that he called Girinath Reddy on WhatsApp but denied offering any money to him. Respondent's explanation towards his actions was that being aware of the groupism and other such issues in the team, he was just curious to know as to what was happening in the team and since he knew Girinath Reddy better than other players, he called Girinath and about the composition of Playing XI. The signed statement of the respondent contained in the 'Inquiry Report' is extracted hereinunder:

"44. On the allegations, Mr. Raja Reddy gave the following signed statement:

44.1 I have been a Video Analyst with BCCI since 2011 for BCCI domestic matches. I have worked in between as Video Analyst for Sr. Andhra Women's team. My appointment was done by ACA.

Working as Video Analyst is my only source of income.

44.2 I know I am bound by the BCCI anti-corruption code by virtue of being a video analyst – an umpire support personnel. I know the Anti-Corruption rules and regulations.

44.3 I know Girinath Reddy as a player as I am a Video Analyst and because of my work I know players and also get to know their phone numbers including that of Girinath Reddy.



44.4 This is probably the second time I have been in contact with Girinath Reddy. I can recall I had called Girinath Reddy for the first time 1-2 years back (during Covid times) to ask him to loan me some money about 2000 Rs. Which he did not give me.

44.5 Regarding the allegations against me, I accept I had called Girinath Reddy on WhatsApp on that day 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2024.

44.6 I called Girinath Reddy and he did not answer. So, I sent him a message. He informed me that he was in a meeting.

44.7 I called Girinath Reddy again later and spoke with him. I asked him whether he was playing tomorrow. He said he didn't know. Again, I asked him tomorrow if he will bowl with new ball or not.

44.8. I called Girinath Reddy in particular because other players are new and I know Girinath Reddy better than others.

44.9 **Explanation:** I asked him these questions because I was aware of the groupism and lot of issues within the team. I was aware of injuries to the fast bowlers so I was just curious to know what was happening in the team. There had been fight between players, manager and trainer among many other issues. I had no intention of corrupting the player or fixing the game.

44.10 I have never had a discussion of this kind with any players ever in the past since the beginning.

44.11 I did not offer any money to Girinath Reddy or ask him for any favor. I did not make the statement or offered him 5 lacs for bowling in a certain way.



44.12 I don't have that amount of money with me. This is huge money for me. I am not a rich person, I can't give that much money. In my situation I often have to ask for loans at times from friends and other people.

44.13 I have been shown the screenshots of WhatsApp chat between Girinath Reddy and myself. I confirm the conversation is correct and explained the context to the ACSU officer. I have signed and authenticated the screenshots shown to me.

44.14 I had apologized to Girinath Reddy after that call and told him it was my mistake, and I should not have called him.

44.15 The conversation is not in my WhatsApp chat because I have deleted the same. When Girinath Reddy told me that he was going to complain about me, I was scared and deleted that chat from my phone immediately.

44.16 I have a habit of immediately deleting call or message from history.

44.17 I have other cricketers and coaches, umpires, scorers numbers in my contact list because of my work.

44.18 I want to state the following:

- a. I deny offering any money to Girinath Reddy.
- b. I am not into betting. I have not bet on any cricket match.
- c. I am not in context with bookies. I don't know anyone who is into betting.
- d. I have not given any information to anyone in relation to a match for the purpose of betting.
- e. I have not done any "match fixing/spot-fixing" before.



f. I am willing to share details and statements from my Bank Accounts, if required or any other details for the purpose of this inquiry.

44.19 I have unlocked and presented my phone to ACSU officer for inspection. I have only one phone and one mobile number. The number 9704251975 is a prepaid number.”

(Emphasis added)

8. The respondent was a participant bound by the Code. The definition of participant includes umpire support personnel, as rightly found in the Inquiry Report thus:

**“Status as a Participant bound by the code**

32. This Anti-Corruption Code applies to all Participants. For these purposes, the definition of “Participant” includes a “*Umpire Support Personnel*”. (1.4.2.5)

***Umpire Support Personnel.*** Any technical official (for example, and without limitation, any official with responsibility for operating the communication equipment for Umpires and Match Referees during a Domestic Match and/or in a Match organized by or falling within the jurisdiction of a Member Cricket Association) or umpire coaches appointed (by the BCCI or any other relevant party) to support the Umpires and/or Match Referees.

33. A Video Analyst, on demand by the Third Umpire, plays back the videos of every ball during a match for review, assessment or assistance to on-field umpires for on-field decisions. The third umpire, on the video analyst’s input evaluates No-Ball, close calls on runouts, stumpings, catches and LBW decisions. The video analyst provides the third umpire with various camera angles to get a comprehensive view of the incident.

34. During a Domestic Match, the Video Analyst, in this case, Mr. Raja Reddy was issued a valid accreditation with PMOA



access and permitted to sit in the room designated for the Third Umpire and the Match Referee.

35. Mr. Raja Reddy's role as a Video Analyst is clearly of an "Umpire Support Personnel".

36. Mr. Raja Reddy is a Participant under the BCCI's Anti-Corruption Code."

9. The player Mr. Girinath Reddy's statement to the ACSU is plain and unambiguous, he denied being part of any wrongdoing. He reported the matter to his Team Manager and provided the entire chat history to the ACSU. Thus, his conduct inspires confidence, and his version is fully corroborated by the Team Manager. Respondent has not offered any credible explanation in relation to the allegations and material against him. His denial of monetary offer to Mr. Girinath is negated by the contents of his mobile phone and email accounts which came to be examined by the ACSU. Several different email IDs were found configured in respondent's phone. The emails from his official account showed that respondent had an account with "bet365" which is one of the world's leading online gambling operator. Further respondent also had an account on Skrill which is a global payments platform, which works as a digital wallet in the process of online money payment and money transfer. In fact during the Inquiry respondent expressly accepted that he used to bet but stated that it was a long time ago. Respondent acknowledged that the bet365 account found installed in his phone belongs to him which was reactivated by him in February 2023, during which time the respondent was a participant as defined under the BCCI Anti-Corruption Code.



- 10.** Respondent had the motive to talk in furtherance of betting. He talked to the player and wanted to know the team formation as well as offered him a bribe to bowl in a particular manner. It is pertinent to emphasize that on 13.02.2023 he has deposited a sum of Rs. 787/- in his betting account which was through Skrill. They have remitted money to Hillside (Sports) GP Limited who runs betting app. In the close vicinity, thereafter effort has been made by the respondent in the aforesaid manner which shows his culpability and immediate conduct of player proves the charges.
- 11.** The cardinal principle of the evaluation of evidence is that man may lie, circumstances do not. When we consider the circumstances, in the instant case, there was no grudge harboured by the player against the respondent to involve him falsely in the case. The player has taken the action with promptitude by not only informing the Team Manager but also the ACU of BCCI.
- 12.** When we come to the WhatsApp chat evidence, the respondent admitted the veracity of screenshots of his WhatsApp conversation with Girinath Reddy from his phone. He deleted his WhatsApp history intentionally as the player had objected to on his approach. He knowingly deleted and destroyed the chat as that could be relevant for the investigation in the offence under the Anti-Corruption Code. However, he has accepted the accuracy of the chat archive and screenshots submitted by the player. He made frantic efforts for 2 hrs. to contact the player and talked to him as apparent from the screenshots of WhatsApp. The respondent Raja Reddy was asked to send the text



message which he did not send and chose to make a voice call. This he resorted due to the sensitive nature of the conversation he wanted to have with the player of offering bribe. After talk subsequent messages indicate that player clearly told the respondent that he will report the call to the Team Manager. Obviously, he was offered a bribe which he reported immediately to his Team Manager and to ACU of BCCI.

**13.** Circumstances indicate that the version of the player has ring of truth around it that he was offered the bribe to bowl in a particular manner indicated by the respondent. When we consider the stand of the respondent of making a query whether Mr. Girinath Reddy is being included in the Playing XI for the Quarter Final match. The reason given for this is, that he was aware of groupism amongst team members. It emerges from the evidence that the respondent did not have thick relations with the player. He had talked only once before few years to him telephonically. For him there was no reason to be concerned about the inclusion of the said player in the Team XI. The respondent is not member of the team staff but is a Video Analyst on the panel of BCCI to support the umpire in the decision making. There was no justification or official requirement for Raja Reddy to be interested in the composition of the Final XI that to one day prior to the match. Obviously, he was trying for corrupt gains in the gambling market by way of betting.

**14.** It is obvious from the conversation of WhatsApp screenshots that the respondent has approached the said player suspiciously, as the player was worried about the conversation made by the respondent.



Respondent said, 'don't worry brother, nothing will happen to you' and ultimately the respondent admitted that he texted "sorry, it was my mistake".

**15.** Article 5 of the Code provides for Sanctions that can be imposed for offences described under Article 2. An attempt to commit any of the offences described under Article 2 has been made expressly punishable under Article 2.5.1. Article 5 provides for a range of permissible penalties.

**16.** It is clear that his offer for a bribe was made for the purpose of betting, which is an offence under Article 2.1.3 and he has also committed the offence within the purview of Article 2.1.4 and committed the breach of the provisions of Article 2.1.1. This, the respondent did in furtherance of his plan to bet with respect to the aspect of the match by asking the player to bowl in a particular manner. The efforts establish the breach of Article 2.3.3 as he has solicited the information and tried to get disclosure of such information which could be used in relation to betting. He has also obstructed investigation as committed by deleting the WhatsApp chat, thereby he has committed breach of Article 2.4.7.

**17.** For offering the bribe, he has committed an offence under Articles 2.1.3 and 2.1.4 which are punishable with a minimum 5 years and maximum of life time. Being a participant, his conduct is most deplorable. The betting in the cricket that too by participants, is going to destroy the faith of the public in the game and destroy the very spirit of cricket. The importance of integrity in the game of Cricket cannot be overemphasized, particularly in India, where cricket is a hugely popular



game and connected with National pride. People expect fair play from all the participants and stakeholders. This is more so from the sports person and their immediate support staff. Betting/satta in cricket is a grave ill. It has the potential to erode public confidence. It must be dealt with strictly. Purity of the game of cricket must be preserved.

**18.** In view of the above, having considered the various aspects of this case, it is directed that the respondent shall suffer a lifetime ineligibility for offence of corruption under Article 2.1.3 and 2.1.4. He shall further suffer ineligibility for a period of 5 years for offence of betting under Article 2.2.1. While Article 5.2 provides that sanctions can be imposed up to a maximum period of 5 years for the offence of obstructing or delaying any investigation by inter alia destroying or tampering with evidence, as described under Article 2.4.7, he shall suffer ineligibility for a period of 1 year for the offence under Article 2.4.1 r/w Article 2.4.7 as he had admitted to the correctness of the conversation contained in the screenshots provided by Mr. Girinath Reddy. The above periods of ineligibility shall run concurrently.

**19.** The case is disposed of with the aforesaid direction.

**Dated: 11.11.2025**



**(Justice Arun Mishra)  
Ombudsman, BCCI**