

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

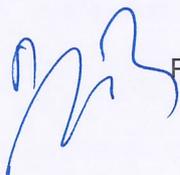
**OMBUDSMAN-cum-ETHICS OFFICER
THE BOARD OF CONTROL FOR CRICKET IN INDIA**

Complaint No.06/2026

In Re: Complaint through email dated 19.01.2026 made by Mr. Piyush Rana against Punjab Cricket Association sent to the Ombudsman-cum-Ethics Officer, Board of Control for Cricket in India.

ORDER

1. The Ombudsman and Ethics Officer, Board of Control for Cricket in India ("BCCI"), has received a complaint in form of an e-mail dated 19 January 2026 from the complainant, Mr. Piyush Rana, seeking clarification and guidance regarding the status, recognition and constitutional implications of cricket formats, players and organisations operating outside the framework of the BCCI.
2. The representation raises broad issues relating to cricketing activity in India outside the BCCI ecosystem and refers, inter alia, to Clauses 30 and 31 of the BCCI Constitution. The issues raised are general, abstract and pan-India in nature and are not founded on any specific act, omission or dispute involving an identifiable respondent.
3. The complainant has prayed for the following reliefs:
 - i. clarification of the scope and applicability of Clauses 30 and 31 of the BCCI Constitution vis-à-vis non-members and non-affiliated cricket activity;
 - ii. clarification as to whether non-BCCI cricket players and organisations fall within the regulatory or disciplinary jurisdiction of the BCCI; and
 - iii. issuance of such guidance or directions as may be deemed fit to ensure constitutional balance, transparency and fairness in the administration of cricket in India.



4. I have considered the complaint in from of an e-mail and the prayers sought therein.
5. The jurisdiction of the Ombudsman and Ethics Officer under the BCCI Constitution is adjudicatory in nature and is confined to examination of specific complaints alleging defined acts of misconduct, ethical breach or violation of the BCCI Constitution by identifiable respondents. This office does not exercise advisory, consultative or declaratory jurisdiction, nor does it possess authority to issue general clarifications, policy guidance or interpretative opinions in the abstract.
6. Even otherwise, the representation does not disclose any specific, justiciable grievance capable of adjudication and instead seeks general regulatory and policy-oriented directions beyond the jurisdiction of this office.
7. Further, It is relevant to note that under Practice Direction 1/2019 issued by the Office of the Ethics Officer, every complaint or representation seeking consideration by this office is required to strictly comply with the prescribed requirements, including disclosure of specific violations and support by a duly sworn affidavit. The present representation has been submitted only by way of email and is not accompanied by any affidavit as mandated. In terms of Clause 4 of the said Practice Direction, non-compliance with these binding directions renders the representation liable to be rejected summarily.
8. The reliefs sought in the present representation are general, policy-oriented and regulatory in character and seek issuance of directions of a nature which this office is not empowered to issue.
9. In view of the above, the representation dated 19 January 2026 is dismissed, as the complaint is not as per the binding directions 1/2019 and the reliefs sought therein are beyond the jurisdiction of the Ombudsman and Ethics Officer, BCCI.
10. The matter is accordingly disposed of.

Dated: 29.01.2026


(Justice Arun Mishra)
Ombudsman-cum-Ethics Officer, BCCI