

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

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

In Re: Complaint dated 04.01.2026 through email dated 12.01.2026 made by Mr. Varun Mishra against Punjab Cricket Association sent to the Ombudsman-cum-Ethics Officer, Board of Control for Cricket in India.

ORDER

1. Complaint dated 04 January 2026 has been received from the complainant via email, Mr. Varun Mishra, styling the same as a complaint under the BCCI Constitution, 2019, alleging governance failures on the part of the Punjab Cricket Association (PCA), inter alia, relating to non-conduct of election to the post of Secretary.
2. At the outset, it is necessary to note that the Office of the Ethics Officer, BCCI, is governed by Practice Direction 1/2019, which prescribes mandatory requirements for filing and entertainment of complaints.
3. In terms of Clause 3(b) of Practice Direction 1/2019, every complaint is required to be supported by an affidavit, duly attested/notarised. The present complaint is not accompanied by any affidavit as mandated. Non-compliance with the Practice Directions renders the complaint liable to summary rejection under Clause 4 thereof.
4. Further, a perusal of the complaint shows that, apart from general allegations of governance failure, the complainant has not disclosed any specific provision of the BCCI Constitution which is alleged to have been violated, nor has any factual foundation been laid to demonstrate how the conduct complained of constitutes a breach of any particular rule or provision.

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5. The complaint, therefore, suffers from lack of material particulars and does not meet even the threshold requirements necessary for adjudication by this office.

6. In any event, the grievances raised by the complainant pertain to the internal functioning and governance of the Punjab Cricket Association, for which the complainant has an appropriate and efficacious alternate remedy of approaching the Ombudsman / Ethics Officer of the Punjab Cricket Association, who is the competent forum to examine such association-specific grievances in the first instance.

7. In view of the above:

(i) complaint dated 04 January 2026 is dismissed for non-compliance with Practice Direction 1/2019 and for want of specific pleadings;

(ii) the complainant is granted liberty to approach the Ombudsman / Ethics Officer of the Punjab Cricket Association with appropriate particulars, documents, and in accordance with the applicable rules; and

8. The matter is accordingly disposed of.

Dated: 22.01.2026


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