

**BEFORE JUSTICE D. K. JAIN, FORMER JUDGE, SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
ETHICS OFFICER, THE BOARD OF CONTROL FOR CRICKET IN INDIA**

COMPLAINT 11/2019

In re:

Complaint dated October 4, 2019 received from:

Mr. Sanjeev Gupta
[REDACTED]

In the matter of:

Mr. Sourav Ganguly
[REDACTED]

**ORDER
15.11.2019**

1. Complaint dated 04.10.2019 was received by the Ethics Officer of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (for short "the BCCI") from Mr. Sanjeev Gupta (hereinafter referred to as "the Complainant") under Rule 39(2)(b) of the Rules and Regulations of the BCCI (for short "the Rules"), against Mr. Sourav Ganguly alleging that Mr. Ganguly occupies more than one post mentioned in Rule 38(4) of the Rules, at the same time and therefore, there is a "Conflict of Interest", as stipulated in the said Rule. The two posts, Mr. Sourav Ganguly is stated to be occupying are:
 - i. On 26.09.2019, Mr. Ganguly was re-elected as President of Cricket Association of Bengal (for short "CAB"); and
 - ii. he is also nominated/appointed as CAB Representative to BCCI AGM.
2. According to the Complainant, on the nomination of Mr. Ganguly as CAB Representative to the BCCI, he occupied the Second post, thereby occupying two posts covered by Rule 38(4)(m) and Rule 38(4)(f) of the Rules, and hence, giving rise to a "Conflict of Interest".
3. During the pendency of the Complaint, a communication has been received from Mr. Rahul Johri, the Chief Executive Officer of the BCCI, forwarding a copy of the letter dated 5th November, 2019, addressed

[Signature]

by Mr. Sourav Ganguly to Mr. Abhishek Dalmiya, Hon. Secretary of CAB, tendering his resignation from the post of the President of CAB. The relevant portion of the letter reads as follows:

“Due to my taking over as the President of Board of Control for Cricket in India on 23rd October, 2019, I hereby resign from the post of President of Cricket Association of Bengal with immediate effect.”

4. In my view, in the light of the afore noted development, the issue of whether there is any “Conflict of Interest” on the part of Mr. Ganguly does not survive for the consideration of the Ethics Officer.
5. Resultantly, the present Complaint is rendered infructuous and is disposed of, as such.
6. The copies of this order be sent to the Complainant, Mr. Sourav Ganguly and the BCCI.

15th November, 2019


(JUSTICE D. K. JAIN)
ETHICS OFFICER, BCCI