

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

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

**In Re: Complaint dated 18.09.2025 made by Mr. Ankesh Vashishtha
against Uttar Pradesh Cricket Association (UPCA), sent to the
Ombudsman, Board of Control for Cricket in India**

ORDER

1. The Complaint has been based on the direction of the High Court of Judicature at Allahabad, Lucknow Bench in Writ-C No. 7825/2025 (Anshul Vashishtha vs. State of U.P. & Ors.). It has been submitted that the Lucknow Bench of Allahabad High Court passed an order dated 19.08.2025 and directed the Principal Secretary, Sports, Government of Uttar Pradesh, to look into the grievance regarding the misuse of the name of Uttar Pradesh Cricket Association (UPCA) and to pass an order after hearing the concerned parties within 8 weeks.
2. It is alleged that the reliefs sought in the said writ petition, which are now under active consideration by the State Government, are as under:
 - (a) Direction for removal of the words “Uttar Pradesh” from the corporate name of UPCA.
 - (b) Direction for suspension or cancellation of the registration of UPCA for repeated non-compliance with statutory requirements.

(c) Direction for framing regulatory guidelines to prevent misuse of a State's identity by private companies.

3. UPCA has already been under severe legal scrutiny for various violations, including criminal complaints and prosecutions initiated by the Registrar of Companies, Kanpur, and outstanding tax dues exceeding Rs. 1 Crore, for which proceedings are going on in the Income Tax Department. There is a persistent and willful violation of the BCCI Constitution and the reforms mandated by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.

4. The following prayers have already been made in the complaint dated 18.09.2025:

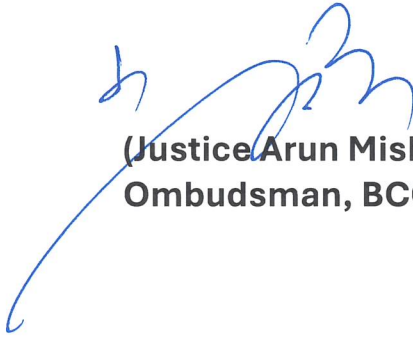
1. To direct immediate suspension of UPCA from all BCCI activities, Councils and Tournaments for the duration of the 8 weeks period mandated by the Hon'ble High Court until the State Government passes its final order, whichever is earlier.
2. To appoint an interim administrator or ad-hoc committee to oversee cricketing activities in the State of Uttar Pradesh, ensuring that the interests of players, coaches, and other stakeholders are protected and that they do not suffer due to the actions of the incumbent association.
3. To initiate a thorough investigation into the various allegations against UPCA, including its financial irregularities and

repeated non-compliance with the BCCI Constitution and Lodha Committee reforms.

5. The complaint as filed is meritless, and a direction has been issued by the High Court. The concerned authority is to look into the grievances and to decide it within 8 weeks. Complainant ought to have raised the prayer for suspension of UPCA from BCCI activities, council and tournaments before the Hon'ble High Court of Allahabad, Bench at Lucknow. It has not passed such an order; such a prayer for an interim period of 8 weeks cannot be made before the Ombudsman of BCCI. The prayer made to appoint an interim administrator/ad-hoc Committee towards the activities is also not entertainable, as the very prayer for the suspension of the activities of UPCA is found to be meritless. Merely because Authority is looking into the matter neither interim suspension nor interim committee appointment is warranted. Thus, there is no reason for suspension of UPCA or appointment of an interim administrator or ad-hoc Committee, such a prayer ought to have been made before the Hon'ble High Court. The High Court has passed the order which it has considered appropriate.
6. The third prayer made regarding a thorough investigation into various allegations against UPCA, including its financial irregularities and repeated non-compliance with the BCCI Constitution, is also not based on any facts. Non-compliance with the BCCI Constitution is a matter that should be raised before the appropriate forum/Court. Even otherwise, no facts have been

given regarding the same; hence, such a vague complaint cannot be entertained. It is also stated some of the matters are pending before other court or authorities, like criminal case by Registrar of Companies, Income-Tax matter before the Income-Tax Authorities, are being considered at appropriate level. The complaint is devoid of merit, and the same is dismissed.

Dated: 25.09.2025



(Justice Arun Mishra)
Ombudsman, BCCI