

BEFORE THE ETHICS OFFICER
Cricket Association of Bengal
Dr. B. C. Roy Club House
Eden Gardens, Kolkata
on 22.05.2025 at 6.00 P.M.

Re: Complaint made by the Ballygunge Sporting Association, affiliated association of Cricket Association of Bengal (hereinafter referred as to as "CAB") against Mr. Debanik Das, Member, Finance Committee, CAB.

Present:

Justice Ashim Kumar Banerjee (Retd.), Senior Advocate, Ethics Officer.

Mr. Snehasish Ganguly, President, CAB.

Mr. Samrat Sen, Sr. Adv. representing CAB.

Mr. Sourav Sengupta, Members, representing Ballygunge Sporting Association.

Mr. Asish Sengupta,

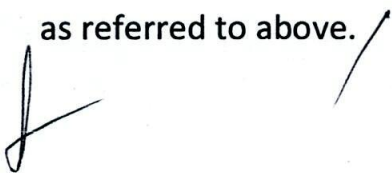
Mr. Saibal Ghosh.

.....Complainant.

Mr. Debanik Das, Member, Finance Committee, CAB. Respondent.

Ballygunge Sporting Association has lodged a complaint before me vide letter dated March 3, 2025 against Mr. Debanik Das for alleged violation of Rule 67(4) of CAB Rules.

On receipt of the said complaint, I asked CAB to give notice to all concerned being Mr. Das, Town Club as well as Ballygunge Sporting Association to appear before me at the time of hearing of the complaint as referred to above.



Accordingly, CAB has given notice to all concerned on May 12, 2025 to both the clubs as well as Mr. Das asking them to appear at the hearing on May 22, 2025. Accordingly, representatives of Ballygunge Sporting Association as well as Mr. Das are present. Despite notice, no one represents Town Club.

Mr. Samrat Sen, learned Senior Advocate representing CAB, would draw my attention to the complaint raised by Ballygunge Sporting Association by which they have raised objection with regard to "**conflict of interest**" as specified in the CAB Rules, particularly under Rule 67(4).

According to the complainant, Mr. Debanik Das was nominated by Ballygunge Sporting Association to represent the Club before CAB as their representative. He ultimately became Member of the Finance Committee. Later on, it transpired, he was also associated with Town Club, another affiliated body of CAB, as Secretary that would come within the mischief of "**Conflict of Interest**" as defined under Rule 67 and 68 of the CAB Rules.

During pendency of the complaint, the parties have resolved the issue amicably. Ballygunge Sporting Association has given a letter dated May 5, 2025 withdrawing their allegation against Mr. Das.

The complainant does not want to pursue its complaint.

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Mr. Das, who is present at the hearing, would submit, in view of the objection raised by Ballygunge Sporting Association, he does not wish to continue as the member of the Finance Committee and he is prepared to withdraw himself from the said Committee. He would also submit, he is going to submit his resignation on or before Monday next, i.e. 26.05.2025.

I have considered the entire situation as on date. It is true, I have suo motu power to consider the issue irrespective of the withdrawal of the complaint by the Ballygunge Sporting Association. In view of the unqualified resignation that Mr. Das is going to submit by Monday next, I do not wish to proceed any further.

The complaint is dropped with the hope and expectation that Mr. Das would be submitting his resignation within the time stipulated hereinabove. ✓


Justice Ashim Kumar Banerjee (Retd.)
Senior Advocate.
Ethics Officer, CAB.