

**Case No. 4 (OMB) 2025.**

**Re:** W.P.O No. 591 of 2024 (Bhudeb Mukherjee & Others –Versus- The Board of Control for Cricket in India and Others).

**Present:-**

**For Bhudeb Mukherjee.**

Mr. Bishwaroop Bhattacharya, Senior Advocate.

Mr. Kaustav Banerjee, Advocate.

Mr. Bhudeb Mukherjee appearing in person.

Mr. Avilash Agarwal appearing in person.

**For CAB**

Mr. Samrat Sen, Senior Advocate.

**Order No. 9 dated 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2026.**

Cricket Association of Bengal submitted its additional written submission before the Undersigned on 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2026. Copy of the said additional written submission was also served upon the complainants' learned Advocate-on-record. Today, when the matter was taken up for hearing, Mr. Bhattacharya Ld. Senior Counsel appearing for the complainants prays for time for submission of counter to contradict the assertion of the fact made by CAB in its additional written submission that the complainants had not paid Rs. 1,18,000/- (One lakh Eighteen Thousand) at the time of their becoming Life Members of CAB.

Mr. Sen, Ld. Senior Advocate appearing for CAB opposed such prayer for adjournment made by Mr. Bhattacharya, on the grounds that the copy of the said additional written submission was served upon the complainants on 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2026. According to him, the complainants could have submitted counter to the said additional written submission of CAB in the meantime, if they had any serious intention to submit such counter before the Tribunal.

After hearing, the Ld. Counsel for the parties, the Undersigned feels that assertion of such fact that the complainants had to pay a sum of Rs. One lakh eighteen Thousand at the time of their enrollment as Life Members made by the

complainants and denial of such fact made by the CAB, have no bearing on the merit of the proceeding. As such, the undersigned was reluctant to allow the complainants such prayer for adjournment and requested the parties to address the Undersigned on the merit of the said proceeding. Accordingly, the Undersigned was addressed by the parties on the merit of the complaint. Hearing is concluded. Order is reserved. Order will be pronounced on **11<sup>th</sup> April, 2026 at 7 p.m.**

CAB is directed to communicate this order to all concerned, at the earliest.

*Jyotirmay Bhattacharya*

**Justice Jyotirmay Bhattacharya  
Former Chief Justice, High Court at Calcutta,  
Presently Ombudsman, Cricket Association of Bengal.**