

Case No. 8 (OMB) of 2025.

Re: "Complaint against Mr. Debabrata Das, Office Bearer, CAB for unethical conduct, abuse of position, and monetary inducement under the pretext of securing selection of my son in CAB club tournaments and Bengal Pro T20 Tournament" complaint submitted by Mr. Arunabha Mandal.

Present:-

For Mr. Debabrata Das.

Mr. Subhasish Sengupta, Ld. Advocate.

Mrs. Subhra Das, Advocate.

Mr. Debmalya Ghosal, Advocate.

Mr. Abhrajit Roy Chowdhury, Advocate.

For Complainant

Dr. Arunabha Mandal appearing in person.

Mr. Dipak Ranjan Mukherjee, Advocate.

For Town Club

Bishakh Kumar Ghosh, President of Town Club.

Order No. 15 Dated 11th July, 2026.

Before commencement of recording the evidence of Dr. Mandal, it is brought to the notice of the Undersigned by Mr. Sengupta, Learned Advocate of Mr. Debabrata Das that Town Club has withdrawn the complaint against his client Mr. Debabrata Das vide letter written by the General Secretary of Town Club dated 7th July, 2026 and 8th July, 2026. He thus contended that as on date only one complaint which was filed by Dr. Mandal, is now pending for consideration before the Undersigned. He further contended that Town Club remained unrepresented in the last hearing. Today also Town Club is not represented by anyone. As such Mr. Sengupta invited the undersigned to consider the complaint of Dr. Mandal only against Mr. Debabrata Das.

Immediately thereafter, Mr. Ghosh, appeared for Town Club. He contended that he could not appear on the last occasion as he was out of station on that date. He further contended that immediately after coming to know about the letters written by Mr. Debanik Das, Advocate on 7th July, 2026 and 8th July, 2026, he forwarded one letter written by Mr. Debanik Das, on the letter head of Town Club, on 21st May, 2026, along with his letter dated 10th July 2026 addressed to the Hony. Secretary, CAB, Kolkata to CAB.

Mr. Ghosh further intimated the Undersigned that the resignation which was submitted by Mr. Debanik Das on 21st May, 2026 was accepted by Mr. Ghosh, the President of the Town Club on 23rd May, 2026 and the same was ratified by the Executive Committee of the Town Club on 10th July, 2026. Both the resignation letter submitted by Mr. Debanik Das dated 21st May, 2026 and the letter written by the President of Town Club addressed to the Hony. Secretary CAB dated 10th July, 2026, are kept with the record.

Since Mr. Debanik Das's resignation letter was accepted by the President of Town Club on 23rd May, 2026, and same was subsequently ratified on 10th July, 2026, Mr. Debanik Das ceased to be the Secretary of Town Club since when his resignation was accepted. As such, Mr. Debanik Das did not have any authority to withdraw the complaint lodged by Town Club against Mr. Debabrata Das vide his letters dated 7th July, 2026 and/or 8th July, 2026.

The Undersigned finds justification in such submission of Mr. Ghosh. That apart the Undersigned finds that the letters of Mr. Debanik Das were not supported by any decision of the Executive Committee of the Town Club. Nothing is mentioned in his aforesaid letters as to who had authorized him to withdraw the complaint, lodged against Mr. Debabrata Das. Mr. Ghosh contended that Town Club will pursue the complaint against Mr. Debabrata Das and as such the complaint lodged by Town Club cannot be treated as withdrawn. The Undersigned thus holds that both the complaints lodged against Mr. Debabrata Das will be considered and decided on their merits, after hearing the interested parties concerned.

Dr. Mandal was further cross-examined extensively by Mr. Sengupta, Ld. Advocate of Mr. Debabrata Das. However, since the cross-examination of Dr. Mandal could not be concluded, he will be further examined on 18th July, 2026 at 11:30 a.m. Venue will remain the same.

CAB is directed to communicate this Order to the concerned parties, at the earliest.

Sd/-

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