

Case No. 9(OMB)/2025

Mr. Madhusudan Das Mundhra and Ors. Complainant

Re: Complaint regarding disproportionate ticket allocation to the National Cricket Club (NCC) by Mr. Madhusudhan Das Mundhra and Ors.

Present:

For Complainant

Mr. Prabhat Jhawar representing for the complainants as their Authorized Representative.

For NCC

Mr. Amitesh Banerjee, Senior Advocate.

Mr. Debanshu Dinda, Advocate.

For CAB

Mr. Samrat Sen, Senior Advocate

Order No. 11 dated 13th June, 2026.

This complaint was heard at length on the earlier occasion. However, hearing could not be concluded on the last occasion, due to constraint of time. The said complaint is fixed today (13th June, 2026) for further hearing after a long gap.

Be that as it may, National Cricket Club which was added as a party in this proceeding, has taken out an application for dismissal of the above complaint case, by relying upon an Order passed by the Undersigned on 11th April, 2026, in Case No. 4(OMB) of 2025 (Bhudeb Mukherjee and Ors –Vs- The Board of Controller for Cricket in India and Ors.)

Mr. Banerjee, Id. Senior Counsel appearing for NCC (National Cricket Club) contended that in the said proceeding being Case No. 4 (OMB) of 2025, a question came up for consideration before the Undersigned as to whether the Life Member, Associate Members, Annual Members have the

right to enjoy the privilege of free entrance of all cricket matches organized by CAB at Eden Gardens. In fact the complainants of the said proceeding had a grievance as they, being the Life Members, Associate Members, Annual Members were not allowed to enjoy the privilege of free entrance at the World Cup Match held Eden Gardens in 2023.

The right of the said complainants to enjoy such privilege was thoroughly examined by the Undersigned in the said proceeding with reference to the provision contained in Rule 17(ii) of CAB Rules as well as their contractual rights and it was ultimately held by the Undersigned in the said proceeding that the Life Members, Annual Members, Associate Members do not have any right to enjoy the privilege of free entrance to the Cricket Matches Organized by BCCI / ICC at Eden Gardens. However, it was made clear that the CAB will follow policy of distribution of free tickets amongst its aforesaid members for the matches to be organized by CAB at Eden Gardens, in accordance with Rule 17(ii) of the CAB Rules.

Mr. Banerjee thus contended that since it has already been decided in the above referred proceeding that the Life Members, Associate Members, Annual Members are not entitled to any free-ticket for ICC Tournaments, the question of the complainants being deprived of, as they were not given the right of free access to the ICC T-20 World Cup 2026 matches held at the Eden Gardens, does not arise at all.

Mr. Banerjee has also referred to Order No. 2 dated 19th July, 2025 passed by the Undersigned in the present proceeding whereby NCC was directed to be added as a party. Such an order of addition of NCC as a party in this proceeding was passed in the light of the allegation made by the complainant that the right of the complainants in getting free tickets were

being curtailed because of wrongful allotment and allocation of tickets to some organizations including NCC by CAB.

Mr. Banerjee contended that since it has already been held in complaint Case No. 4(OMB) of 2025 that the Life Members, Associate Members, Annual Members do not have any right to enjoy the privilege of free access to the matches organized by BCCI / ICC at Eden Gardens, the question of curtailment of their rights because of allotment of tickets to some other Organizations including NCC, does not arise at all. He thus invited the Undersigned to dismiss this proceeding.

Mr. Jhawar submitted his written notes of argument. He has not made out any new case for which the Undersigned is required to reconsider its earlier decision taken in the proceeding being complaint case no. 4 (OMB) of 2025 with regard to the rights of Life Members, Associate Members, Annual Members in having the privilege of free access to the ICC Tournaments held / to be held at Eden Gardens. Their rights have already been decided in the said proceeding.

In view of the decision taken by the Undersigned in the earlier proceeding being Complaint Case No. 4(OMB) of 2025, the Undersigned does not feel it necessary to keep the present proceeding pending anymore and accordingly, the application filed NCC is allowed and consequently the complaint proceeding is dismissed.

Before parting with, it may be recorded that this is not a proceeding where the right of National Cricket Club (NCC) to get any allotment of ticket by CAB can be decided by the Undersigned as NCC being not a Member of CAB is not amenable to the jurisdiction of the Undersigned.

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.