

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.

Order No 13 dated 03.07.2026

The Undersigned has received the third application from Mr. Das today, seeking adjournment of hearing of the above matter which is fixed on 04th July, 2026 on the grounds of inability of his Advocate to appear before the Undersigned on 04th July, 2026.

It appears that Mr. Das has no sincere intention to participate in the proceeding and his only intention is to delay the proceeding for an unknown duration.

On the last occasion, the hearing of this proceeding was fixed on 6th July, 2026 with the consent of the parties as the complainant who is now being cross-examined by Mr. Das's Counsel, will be out of station for his medical check up from 7th July, 2026 onwards.

However, considering the grounds on which adjournment was sought for by Mr. Das, hearing fixed on 6th July, 2026 was adjourned and the next sitting was preponed and fixed on 4th July, 2026. Again Mr. Das submitted an application seeking adjournment of the hearing fixed on 4th July, 2026 on the grounds of unavailability of his Advocate on 4th July, 2026.

A number of Advocates appeared on behalf of Mr. Das on the last occasion. Who amongst them is unable to appear on 4th July, 2026 and for what reason, have not been clearly spelt out in the application for adjournment.

Be that as it may, it is made clear that the prayer for adjournment of Mr. Das is rejected with this rider that in the event he fails to appear either personally or through his Counsel on 4th July, 2026 at the appointed time (7 p.m.), the proceeding will be taken up ex parte without giving him any further opportunity to cross-examine the complainant.

No further application for adjournment will be entertained from Mr. Das and even if it is submitted or sent seeking adjournment of the hearing fixed on 4th July, 2026, it will be treated as rejected.

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

Sd/-

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