

Case No.22 (OMB) of 2025.

Sub: Complaint against Mr. Madan Mohan Ghosh, Honorary Joint Secretary, Cricket Association of Bengal, and initiation of contempt proceedings for willful violation of Your Lordship's Order dated 22 November, 2025 in Case No. 19(OMB) of 2025.

Ref: Letter dated December 2, 2025 vide Ref No. 115/45/86/2025, issued by Madan Mohan Ghosh, Hony. Joint Secretary, CAB.

Present:-

For Complainant

1. Mr. Abdul Masood, appearing in person.
2. Ms. Debanwita Pramanik, Advocate.
3. Md. Sajid Hussain, Advocate.
4. Mr. Sayan Roy, Advocate.
5. Mr. Simon Arora, Advocate.

For CAB

1. Mr. Samrat Sen, Senior Advocate.
2. Mr. Kaushik Mandal, Advocate.

Order No. 1 dated 13th December, 2025.

There was long standing dispute between two rival groups, both of whom are claiming that the Club viz. Satya-Sandhi which is affiliated to CAB, belongs to them and/or is managed and/or controlled by them.

While such a dispute was under consideration before the undersigned, it was pointed out that a Civil suit is pending between the parties on this self-same dispute before Civil Court at Alipore. Taking into consideration that the parties have already approached the Civil Court for resolution of such a dispute, the undersigned relegate the parties to the said Civil Suit for resolving their dispute in the pending suit by the Civil Court.

Such an order was passed on 22nd November, 2025 i.e. at a point of time when the match fixtures had already been published and the match in which Satya-Sandhi was a competitor was scheduled to be played on 25th November, 2025.

Considering that the time gap in between the Order passed by the undersigned and the date when such match was scheduled to be played, which is very short, the undersigned made the following interim arrangement:-

“ Considering that the next match is scheduled to be held on 25th November, 2025, some sort of interim arrangement is necessary and accordingly it is directed that the match, fixed on 25th November, 2025, will remain postponed for the time being with liberty to both the parties to approach the learned Civil Court in the pending suit for seeking appropriate relief including the relief for replay of the match scheduled to be played on 25th November, 2025 on any subsequent date and the decision which will be passed by the learned Civil Court in this regard, goes without saying that will be binding upon the parties. This direction is passed without prejudice to the rights and contention of the parties in the pending civil suit.

It is clarified that in the event none of the parties approaches the Civil Court or fails to bring appropriate order on their conflicting claims as to their legal rights to participate in any tournament organized and/or to be organized by CAB, from the learned Civil Court by 1st December, 2025, the match fixed on 25th November, 2025, where SATYA SANDHI will not be able to participate, may be treated as “walk over” in favour of the opposite team or replayed at the discretion of the CAB.”

The undersigned is informed by the parties that, none of the parties has approached the Civil Court for resolving their dispute in terms of the above order of the undersigned.

In this context, the Hony. Joint Secretary of CAB, notified on 2nd December, 2025 that the two matches which Satya Sandhi could not play on 25th November, 2025 and/or 1st December, 2025 are re-scheduled in the following manner:

Match Between	Scheduled Date	Replayed on
Howrah Union vvs Satya Sandhi	Nov 25, 2025 at Federation Ground	Dec 03, 2025 at P&T Ground
Sarat Samity Vs Satya Sandhi	Dec 01, 2025 at Taltola Ground	Dec 04, 2025 at P&T Ground

Abdul Masood complained that, the above notification which was issued by CAB, was not communicated to him. Had it been communicated to him at the right time, he would have approached the undersigned at the right time

seeking interim order. Be that as it may, he filed the present application, complaining that issuance of such notification and thereby fixing the matches in the manner as aforesaid is not only contrary to the order passed by the undersigned on 22nd November, 2025 but also was issued in utter disregard and violation of the order dated 22nd November, 2025 passed by the undersigned. He complained that such an act of the CAB is contemptuous and as such the Hony. Joint Secretary, CAB who issued such notification should be hauled up in contempt.

The first two reliefs, which the said applicant has prayed for has now become anfractuious by passage of time. That apart, in the earlier order passed on 22nd November, 2025 in the earlier proceeding, liberty was to given to the parties to approach the Civil Court for seeking interim relief in the pending suit. After the parties are relegated to suit for resolving their identical dispute, the undersigned even cannot entertain such reliefs.

With regard to the other relief, which the claimant has prayed for in prayer 'C' i.e. initiation of contempt proceeding against Mr. Madan Mohan Ghosh and other official involved, the undersigned makes it clear that, since the undersigned lacks jurisdiction under the Contempt of Courts Act to initiate such proceeding against the alleged contemnor, such prayer of the claimant also cannot be entertained by the undersigned.

The other reliefs as prayed for therein are all incidental reliefs. Since the primary reliefs cannot be granted by the undersigned, incidental reliefs also cannot be granted by the undersigned.

The application is thus disposed of.

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