

Case No. 1 (OMB) of 2026.

Mr. Prabhat Jhawar Applicant

Re: Proceedings regarding issues of Eden Gardens Ticket allocation to National Cricket Club (NCC) by the Cricket Association of Bengal.

Present:

For Complainant

Mr. Dipak Ranjan Mukherjee, Advocate.

Mr. Prabhat Jhawar.

For NCC

Mr. Amitesh Banerjee, Senior Advocate.

Mr. Debanshu Dinda, Advocate.

For CAB

Mr. Samrat Sen, Senior Advocate.

Order No. 1 dated 10th January, 2026.

In the present application the applicant has prayed for abolition / abrogation of the legacy Ticket allocation historically extended to NCC which is akin to institutional ticket quotas amongst other incidental reliefs.

Mr. Amitesh Banerjee, learned Senior Counsel appearing for NCC, raises an objection as to maintainability of this proceeding.

It is, thus, made clear that the question of maintainability of this proceeding will be considered in the next sitting.

Considering that, ICC, T20 World-Cup may be exhibited at Eden Gardens on 7th February 2026, it is made clear that no further adjournment will be granted to any of the parties under any circumstances.

Time for submission of Response by CAB is extended till 31.01.2026.

It is thus, made clear that, in case CAB decides not to submit its response to the said complaint of the complainants, CAB may contest the proceeding by producing the records; however, in such case, CAB is required to intimate its adversaries, the documents on which they will be rely upon in course of hearing and in case inspection of those documents, is sought for by

any of its adversaries, CAB is required to give inspection of those documents to its adversaries well in advance of the date of hearing, but positively by 27th January, 2026, so that, its adversaries can effectively participate in the hearing by giving their reaction to those documents in course of hearing. It is also made clear that in case supply of copy of any of the documents is insisted upon by the adversaries, CAB is directed to supply such copy or copies to them, if it is not so voluminous and if voluminous, at the cost of the party applying for such copy.

Next sitting will be held on **31st January, 2026 at 8 p.m.**, at the same venue with the clear understanding that the matter will be taken up for hearing on merit on that day even if no response is submitted by CAB in terms of the direction as given hereinabove.

This complaint on merit will be considered, subject to the decision to be taken on maintainability of the present application.

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