

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.

For Mr. Debabrata Das.

Mr. Suman Kr. Dutt, Senior Advocate participated in the meeting virtually.

Mrs. Subhra Das, Advocate.

Mr. Debmalya Ghosal, Advocate.

Mr. Abhrajit Roy Chowdhury, Advocate.

For CAB

Mr. Samrat Sen, Senior Advocate.

For Complainants

Mr. Arunabha Mondal appearing in person.

Mr. Dipak Ranjan Mukherjee, Advocate.

For Town Club

Mr. Sabyasachi Mukherjee,

Executive Committee Member of Town Club.

Order No. 7 Dated 31st January 2026.

In pursuance of the earlier direction of the undersigned, the bank statement of the Town Club is submitted by Mr. Sabyasachi Mukherjee, Executive Committee Member of the Town Club. Let the said bank statement be kept with the record.

Mr. Sen, learned Senior Counsel appearing for the CAB, submits that Mr. Debabrata Das, against whom such complaint was made by Mr. Mondal, was the Joint Secretary of CAB at the relevant time. He further submits that CAB will not take the side of any of the parties in this proceeding. He further informs the undersigned that CAB has decided not to file any affidavit in this proceeding as the stand which it will take in its affidavit will amount to pre-judging the issue which may ultimately influence the undersigned in deciding the issue involved in this proceeding. He further informs the undersigned that CAB has decided to implement the Order which will be passed by the undersigned in this proceeding.

Mr. Sen further informs the undersigned that the reply which was submitted by Mr. Debabrata Das to the show-cause notice dated 8th August, 2025 issued by the Apex Council has already been forwarded to the undersigned, which is part of the record, which will be referred to, in course of hearing of this proceeding.

In case, Mr. Debabrata Das intends to file any objection to the complaint, he may do so by 28th February, 2026.

Re: Application submitted by Mr. Debabrata Das seeking immediate reference of the complaint by the Apex Council to the Ombudsman for early disposal thereof.

Mr. Debabrata Das has submitted a complaint before the Apex Council by alleging that Dr. Arunava Mondal has also violated the Rules, discipline and is in direct conflict with the conduct of the player (Soumyadwip Mondal) who is associated with an affiliated Member and /or the Association as well as provided unlawful benefit to Town Club.

In this application, the applicant has prayed for direction upon the Apex Council so that the said complaint is immediately referred to the undersigned in accordance with rules and Memorandum of Association for early consideration of the said complaint along with the complaint which is made against the said Mr. Debabrata Das, ~~now~~ presently pending adjudication in the proceeding being Case No. 8 (OMB) 2025. Some interim relief has also been sought for therein.

The said application is disposed of with the observation that no direction is necessary upon the Apex Council for early consideration of the said complaint of Mr. Debabrata Das. However, it is expected that the Apex Council will not make any unnecessary delay in dealing with the said complaint and/or passing appropriate order thereon.

Re. Application submitted by Mr. Arunava Mondal for discovery of documents by Mr. Debabrata Das.

Mr. Mukherjee, Id. Advocate appearing for the complainant, submits that the present application was submitted by the complainant for issuance of direction upon Mr. Debabrata Das to discover the documents which Mr. Das has referred to in his pleadings and/or will rely upon in course of hearing of this proceeding.

Mr. Dutt Id. Advocate appearing for Mr. Das submits that if any direction is given upon his client to discover the documents on oath, identical direction should also be passed upon the complainant to discover the documents on oath which has been referred to by the complainant in his pleading and/or will be relied upon by him in course of hearing of this proceeding.

In reply Mr. Mukherjee submitted that his client will not rely upon any document other than the documents which his client has referred and/or relied upon in his pleading as well as in his affidavit-of-evidence. To be more precise he identified the following documents on which reliance will be placed by his client in course of hearing of this proceeding:-

1. Certified transaction statement between the complainant and the accused, between Suman Sinha and the accused and between Dibyendu Mondal and the accused.

2. Whatsapp chats between the complainant and the accused during the period between 28th June 2021 and 9th July, 2025.
3. Online transactions through different payment channels referred to in annexure A and B from page 7 – 24 of the AOE.

Mr. Mukherjee submitted that in case inspection of any document as referred to above, is sought for, by Mr. Das, the complainant will give inspection of those documents to Mr. Das and/or his Id. Advocate on record at any time which is convenient to both of them.

Mr. Dutt contended that his client will intimate the Id. Advocate of the complainant about the documents on which his client will rely upon including the documents which have been referred to, by Mr. Das, in his pleadings, so that, in case any inspection is sought for, of any of such documents by the complainant, such inspection can be offered to the complainant and/or his Id. Advocate-on-record at any time which is convenient to both of them.

Such exercise will be completed by both the parties by 28th February, 2026.

Hearing will commence on 7th March, 2026 at 5 p.m. The complainant / his witness is directed to appear before the undersigned on 7th March, 2026 of the appointed time for his examination, before the undersigned.

Mr. Debabrata Das is directed to submit the affidavit-of-evidence of his witness before the undersigned by 7th March, 2026.

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