

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. 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. 9 dated 3rd February, 2026

The parties were heard at length on the preliminary point as to whether the life Members and other Members of different categories of CAB have any legal right to get complimentary ticket for the ICC Sponsored-T-20 World-Cup organized by ICC/BCCI at Eden Gardens.

Of course, the right of the life Members and other Members of different categories of CAB to get complimentary ticket for any cricket match organized by CAB at Eden Gardens cannot probably be disputed in view of Rule 17 (ii) of the CAB Rules.

Incidentally a question has cropped up as to the right of the Non-members including NCC to get complimentary tickets for the cricket matches to be held at Eden Gardens organized either by ICC/BCCI or by CAB. Such a question is raised by the life Members and other Members of CAB, as according to them, allotment of complimentary tickets to non-members including NCC amounts to curtailment of their rights to get complimentary tickets for those cricket matches.

Having regard to the fact that ICC Sponsored-T20 World-Cup will be held at Eden Gardens commencing from 7th February, 2026, hearing was fixed on 3rd February, 2026. Though, hearing on that day commenced at 9 p.m. and continued till 11.30 p.m., hearing could not be concluded.

On the joint prayer of the parties, further hearing of this proceeding is adjourned till 7th March, 2026 at 6 p.m.

Venue will be at the Conference Hall on the 2nd Floor at Eden Gardens.

Since the dispute raised in this proceeding remains inconclusive, the Apex Council may take its own decision regarding allotment of tickets both price tickets and complimentary tickets etc. for the ensuing ICC Sponsored-T20 World-Cup which will commence on and from 7th February, 2026 after taking note of the restrictions to be imposed by ICC/BCCI and/or the in the line of the ticket distribution policy to be formulated by ICC/ BCCI, with this rider that if any body feels aggrieved against the decision of the Apex Council, he /she may approach the appropriate forum for redressal of his/her grievances.

Sd/-

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