

Case No. 3 (OMB) of 2026.

Sub: Complaint regarding Violation of Rule 66 of the CAB Rules and willful, deliberate and contumacious violation of the order no. 2 dated 1st November, 2025 passed in Case No. 13(OMB) of 2025.

Present:-

For Complainant:

Mr. Sandip Kumar De, Senior Advocate.
Mr. Kaustav Banerjee, Advocate.
Mr. Arup Kumar Dutta, Complainant.

For CAB

Mr. Samrat Sen, Senior Advocate.

Order No. 1 dated 27th June, 2026.

In the present application, the applicant complained that the direction of the Undersigned dated 1st November, 2025, passed in Case No. 16(OMB) of 2025, regarding compliance of the mandate under Rule 66 of the Memorandum and Rules of CAB, has not been complied with by CAB.

The Hony. Secretary of the Cricket Association of Bengal, by his letter dated 20th June, 2026, intimated the Undersigned that the direction passed by the Undersigned on 1st November, 2025, as aforesaid has been duly complied with. It was categorically mentioned therein that the website presently contains various governance, financial and regulatory disclosures, including rules, policies, annual reports and financial statements, Apex Council and General Body records, Ombudsman's and Ethic Officer's Orders, Electoral Role Records and other relevant documents. A screen-shot of the web-page has also been appended to the said communication.

The said letter of the Hony. Secretary of the CAB was communicated to the complainant for his response. In response thereto, the complainant

by his letter dated 23rd June, 2026, intimated the Undersigned that the direction passed by the Undersigned in its Order dated 1st November, 2025 has not been complied with, in its true spirit as all the requisite information are still not available in the website

In course of hearing, Mr. De, Ld. Senior Counsel appearing for the complainant, initially submitted that the mandate contained in various sub-rules under Rule 66 have not been complied with by the CAB.

However, when it was projected before the Undersigned in the presence of the complainant and his Ld. Advocates that the mandate contained in sub-Rule 1 to Sub-Rule 7 of Rule 66 have been complied with, in its true spirit, it is submitted by Mr. Sen, Ld. Senior Counsel appearing for the respondent, on instruction received from the CAB officials, that the uploading of the matters as per the mandate contained in Sub-Rule 8 of Rule 66 is in the process and those information will be available in the upgraded software of the website which will be launched shortly.

Mr. De, Ld. Senior Counsel appearing for the complainant, after going through the website pages submitted that though he was convinced about the contention made by the CAB officials regarding compliance of the Rule 66 partly, but he complained that information which are required to be published since September, 2019 as per the direction of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, have not been uploaded in the website. He, however, contended that it may take some time to complete entire process, but that exercise should be completed within a timeline framed by the undersigned.

Be that as it may, in the Order which was passed by the Undersigned on 1st November, 2025, no direction was passed upon CAB for uploading all the information from September, 2019 retrospectively. In

the absence of any such specific direction, it is rightly contended by Mr. Sen that the Order will have prospective effect which has duly been complied with by CAB.

The Undersigned fully agrees with such contention of Mr. Sen.

With regard to the above contention of Mr. De, Mr. Sen prayed for time for filing response on behalf of CAB to the above complaint of the complainant; however, without prejudice to the rights and contentions of his client, as to maintainability and locus of the complainant to maintain such complaint before the Undersigned.

Accordingly, time is granted to CAB for submission of such response by 5th July, 2026.

Next sitting of the Undersigned will be held on 18th July, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. at the same venue.

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.