

Case No.6 (OMB) of 2025.

Re: Reference of dispute in respect of Satya Sandhi by Mr. Abdul Masood through his letters dated 8th July, 2024 and 13th August, 2024.

Subject:- Proceeding under Section 23 of the WB Societies Registration Act, 1961 against CAB.

Present:-**For Complainant**

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

For Opposite party

1. Mr. Sandip Kumar De, Senior Advocate.
2. Mr. Malay Kumar Singh, Senior Advocate.

For CAB

1. Mr. Kaushik Mandal, Senior Advocate.
2. Ms. Manali Bose, Advocate.

Order No. 6 dated 6th September, 2025.

Following identity issues are involved in this proceeding:-

- i. As to which Satya Sandhi is the club which is affiliated with CAB.
- ii. As to who are the persons who can represent Satya Sandhi which is a club affiliated with the CAB.

Since, one club viz. Satya Sandhi having its registered office at 181/5A, APC Road, Kolkata - 700004, is receiving grants from CAB, the other club under the same name and style Satya Sandhi, having its registered office at No. 16A, Balu Hakkak Lane , Kolkata - 700017, objected to release of such grant in favour of Satya Sandhi having its registered office at 181/5A. APC, Kolkata - 700004.

In this context, the undersigned sought for the following information from CAB vide its Order dated 9th August, 2025:-

- i. Mode of disbursement of the cheque which it follows in all cases including Satya Sandhi.
- ii. How CAB verifies the authority of the person receiving such cheque at the time of disbursement?
- iii. Whether such grant is credited to the bank account of this Club?
- iv. Whether such grant is utilized by the Club for the purpose of which such grant is extended to it?

- v. Whether production of utilization certificate by the club is insisted upon by CAB or not?

Ms. Manali Bose, learned Advocate appearing for CAB informs the undersigned that CAB maintains a list of the Clubs which receive grants from CAB. She also informs the undersigned that in the list of clubs, only the name of the clubs and their addresses are mentioned. She further informs the undersigned that normally grants are paid to the respective clubs by way of issuance of account payee cheques in the name of the respective clubs. However, on some occasion grants are also remitted to the bank account of the clubs by the RTPS. She prays for some time to take further instruction from her client with regard to the information which was sought for under serial no. (iv) and (v) as mentioned above.

The undersigned is also informed that it is not mandatory that only the registered clubs will be affiliated by CAB. Thus, CAB grants affiliation to both the registered club and the un-registered club.

However, here there is no conflict and/or competition between a registered club and a non-registered club. Here both Satya Sandhi Clubs are claiming to be registered club. The Satya Sandhi Club which had its registered office at 181/5A, APC Road, Kolkata - 700004, and subsequently shifted to 16A, Balu Hakkak Lane, Kolkata - 700017, was registered under the West Bengal Societies Registration Act, 1961, having its registration no. SO147270 of 2007-2008. Whereas, the other Satya Sandhi Club which has its office at 181/5A, APC, Kolkata - 700004, is also claimed to have registered the said club under West Bengal Societies Registration Act, 1961, having its registration no. 11071 of 1949.

Since, the identity of the club can be established with reference to its location, both the clubs are directed to submit their respective certificate of registration before the undersigned in course of the next hearing, so that, out of those two clubs both of which are named and styled as Satya Sandhi, which one is affiliated with CAB can be detected with reference to the records of CAB, particularly the certificate of affiliation.

It may be mentioned herein, that in the letter head of Satya Sandhi, which is claiming to be affiliated with CAB, both the addresses viz. formally at 181/5A, Acharya Prafulla Chandra Road, Kolkata - 700004 and presently at 16A, Balu Hakkak Lane, Kolkata - 700017 are mentioned.

The undersigned is informed by Mr. Masood, representative of the said Satya Sandhi having its present address at 16A, Balu Hakkak Lane, Kolkata - 700017 that change of addressed of the club to Balu Hakkak Lane Kolkata - 700017 has already been recorded in the records of the societies Registration Act. He further informs the undersigned that for incorporation of change of the address of the said club, the club has already applied before CAB. The undersigned is also informed

that the said Club is also registered under the trade mark act having its trade mark registration No. 4943540 in Class 41.

In this context, the said club having its registered office at 16A, Balu Hakkak Lane, Kolkata 700017 is further directed to submit all relevant records in support of his above claim before the undersigned in course of next hearing.

Both the aforesaid clubs are also directed to submit their respective last AGM resolutions and/or the other documents showing who are the present Office Bearers of those two clubs.

In view of the peculiar dispute pending between those two clubs, CAB is directed not to disburse any further grant and/or money in favour of any of the aforesaid clubs viz. Satya Sandhi having its registration no. SO147270 of 2007-2008 and the registration no. 11071 of 1949 respectively, until the above dispute is ultimately resolved by the undersigned.

Let it be recorded that Mr. De submits that all pleadings are supplied to the complainant which the complainant has also acknowledged.

Next seating is fixed on 15th November, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. at Dr. B.C. Roy Club House, Eden Gardens, Kolkata - 700021.

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