

**BEFORE THE FORMER ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE V. ESWARAI AH  
ETHICS OFFICER AND OMBUDSMAN ADDL. CHARGE  
THE HYDERABAD CRICKET ASSOCIATION AT RGICS, UPPAL,  
HYDERABAD**

**CASE NO. 03 OF 2024**

**BETWEEN:**

A.P. High Court Advocates Cricket Association Club  
Office at 3-6-361/11, Street No. 20,  
Himayathnagar, Hyderabad  
Represented by its Secretary  
Rajeshwar Rao, Advocate  
Ph. No. 9848886117.

...Petitioner

AND

1. The Hyderabad Cricket Association  
RGICS, Uppal, Hyderabad.  
Represented by its Secretary R. Devraj.
2. Telangana High Court Advocates  
Association, High Court Buildings,  
Hyderabad – 500 066.  
Represented by its Secretary  
Sri U. Shantibhushan Rao

...Respondents

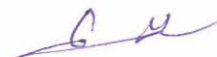
**PROCEEDINGS DATED 13.06.2024**

1. The Petitioner Mr. K. Rajeshwar Rao, Advocate as a Secretary of  
A.P. High Court Advocates Cricket Association Club made a  
representation dated 17.05.2024 stating that The A.P. High Court  
Advocates Cricket Association is an affiliated Club of First  
Respondent/The Hyderabad Cricket Association (HCA) but the



First Respondent has not allowed the Petitioner to enter into the Stadium to collect ID Card and attend the 86<sup>th</sup> Annual General Body Meeting held on 18.02.2024 despite his efforts. The Petitioner was also not given the IPL Matches Complementary passes for the 2024 Season and further the Annual Renewal Fee was also not taken by the officials of the HCA.

2. In response to the Petitioner's representation, a notice dated 27.05.2024 was issued to the Petitioner and Respondents for their appearance and hearing on 07.06.2024. On that day both the Petitioner and the Second Respondent appeared and requested to adjourn the said matter to 13.06.2024 for documents and counter by the 2<sup>nd</sup> respondent.
3. Both the Counsels for the Petitioner and the Second Respondent appeared. The 2<sup>nd</sup> respondent filed its counter and both the parties submitted their arguments and certain documents have been filed.
4. The case of the Petitioner is that, HCA recognized the A.P. High Court Advocates Cricket Association as an affiliated institution of the HCA and further recognized the office bearers of the Petitioner as seen in various documents and also received the Annual fee for certain years from the Petitioner. It is further stated that as per the undated document, the office bearers of the Petitioner's



Association were recognized by the 1<sup>st</sup> respondent for the One Day League Championship 2023-24 and also recognized the list of players and thus submit the Petitioner is an institutional Club of the High Court Advocates Cricket Association and therefore, it is entitled to be recognized continuously without reference to any objection of the High Court Advocates Association/2<sup>nd</sup> Respondent.

5. It is the case of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Respondent that the Petitioner cannot represent the High Court's Advocate Association which is the registered body under the Societies of Registration Act. Prior to the division of the undivided State of Andhra Pradesh, High Court Advocates Association's members were playing Cricket and the High Court being an institution, the High Court Advocates Association has been recognized as an institutional member of the HCA. It is further submitted that as per the HCA annual reports there is a clear description of institutional pool in which the High court is found. It is stated that the High Court of A.P. is shown as an institution in the annual reports for the years 2011-12, 2012-13, and 2015-16. The High Court was described as institution of HCA. He further submits that there are various institutions recognized by HCA who have been playing the Cricket Matches like the 2<sup>nd</sup> respondent.





Every Year on the request of elected Body of the High Court Advocates Association, the Judges and the Cricket Players of the Association have been playing Cricket at the HCA stadium.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Respondent submits that after the division of the State, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Respondent was registered as a separate Society vide Registration No. 510 of 2015 and the elections have been conducted to the office bearers of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Respondent every year. The Office bearers of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Respondent made a complaint against Mr. Rajeshwar Rao who is representing the petitioner and others stating that the so called Petitioner's Association in collusion with the then office bearers of the HCA erroneously favoured the Petitioner recognizing the Petitioner as an affiliated Club thereby misappropriating Rs.5,00,000/- every year and the Petitioner cannot be recognized as an affiliated Club/member of the 1<sup>st</sup> respondent/HCA and therefore the committee of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Respondent passed resolution on 19.10.2023 to file a complaint against Mr. Rajeshwar Rao Advocate representing the Petitioner and filed a complaint against him on 05.01.2024.

6. One of the Member of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Respondent claiming himself to be a Cricket Player namely Mr. V. Kiran Kumar, Advocate filed W.P. No. 20875 of 2010 to declare the action of the 1<sup>st</sup> Respondent HCA in changing the old address of the Secretary A.P. High Court, High

Court Buildings to the address #5-9-22-16, Adarsh Nagar, Hyderabad as illegal and to direct the HCA to restore and retain the original address of the Secretary, A.P.High Courts Advocate Association, High Court Buildings, Hyderabad. The Writ Petition was disposed off vide order dated 28.09.2022. During the pendency of the Writ Petition, the 4<sup>th</sup> Respondent in the said writ petition namely Suryanarayana, the then Secretary of the Petitioner/association herein died. The hon'ble High Court after noticing the said fact, disposed of the writ petition directing the Writ Petitioner to submit a representation to the 1<sup>st</sup> Respondent of HCA to change the address from the 4<sup>th</sup> Respondent's private residency to the Secretary, Telangana High Courts Advocates Association, High Courts Buildings and on such representation the HCA is directed to consider and pass appropriate orders.

7. The question that arises for consideration is whether the institutional member/club can be represented by the unauthorized person/persons claiming to be recognized institution.
8. The Petitioner which claimed as an Institutional Cricket Club/member of the HCA, in fact is not representing any institution and the petitioner itself is not an institution and it has nothin to do with the institution of the High Court or the 2<sup>nd</sup>



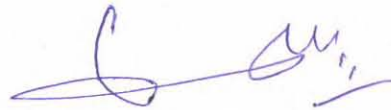
respondent and therefore it is not entitled to represent its cricket team in the HCA but the Telangana High Court Advocates Association represented by its Secretary Cricket Team is alone entitled to represent the 2<sup>nd</sup> Respondent before the HCA.

**9.** The contentions of the learned Counsel appearing for the Petitioner, who himself is the Secretary of the Petitioner Association submits that the Petitioner is an independent unregistered Association and its office bearers have been recognized by the 1<sup>st</sup> Respondent and therefore, the office bearers of the Petitioner Association are alone entitled to be recognized Club to play the Cricket in HCA is without any foundation and untenable.

**10.** I have considered the rival contentions. The Hon'ble High Court by the order dated 28.09.2022 in W.P. No. 20875 of 2010 to which the then Secretary of the Petitioner Association is a party in which it was clearly discussed that originally the Address that was furnished to the HCA as the High Court Advocates Association represented by its Secretary, High Court Buildings and not a private address of an Advocate who claims to be the Secretary of the Association. In all the annual reports it was described that High Court is an institution and the institution alone is entitled to be recognized and affiliated to the HCA.



11. The Petitioner cannot independently claim that it is a recognized Club of the HCA merely because the office bearers or the CEO of the HCA hand-in-glove with the Petitioner erroneously recognized a non-institutional Club as an affiliated institution of the HCA.
12. It is therefore, the HCA / 1<sup>st</sup> Respondent shall correct its records and enter the name of Telangana High Court Advocates Association, represented by its Secretary, High Court Buildings, Hyderabad and recognize the 2<sup>nd</sup> respondent association as an affiliated institution/member/club of the HCA hereinafter forthwith.



**Justice V. Eswaraiah**  
**Ethics Officer and Ombudsman Addl. Charge**  
**The Hyderabad Cricket Association**

