

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

SUO-MOTO TAKEN UP CASE NO. 34 OF 2025

Between:

S. KANNAN son of K.R. Subramaniyan, aged about 50 years, Secretary of Veterans Cricket Association of Telangana, resident of C403, Sai Rajendra Prestige, West Marredpally, Secunderabad, Hyderabad.
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... **PETITIONER**

AND

1. R. A. Swaroop

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Opp: Karkhana, Secunderabad, TG – 500 015
Mobile No: +91 97010 01912
Email: raswaroop@yahoo.co.in

2. The Hyderabad Cricket Association

RGICS, Uppal, Hyderabad
Represented by Secretary Sri R. Devraj

3. Indian Cricketers Association

**Represented by its Secretary,
Hitesh Majmudar**
having its Registered Office at 804,
G Square, Near BMC Office,
Jawahar Road, Ghatkopar East,
Mumbai – 400 077. Maharashtra.

And
Administrative Office at 64/6,
1st Floor, Shankarmutt Road,
Shankarapuram,
Bangalore – 560 004.

**E-Mail: secretary@indiancricketersassociation.com
office@indiancricketersassociation.com**

... **RESPONDENTS**

PROCEEDINGS DATED 24.01.2025

1. An unknown person sent a mail from Email Id "helpcrickethyderabad@yahoo.com" along with the petition by enclosing supporting documents for the perusal and for the necessary action by the Ethics Officer. The contents of the Petition are extracted as below.

"1. I am a member of the Hyderabad Cricket Association and humbly request you to accept this complaint under the powers vested in you as per Rule 39(2)(b) of the Memorandum of Association and Rules and Regulations – 2018 (HCA Bye-laws). Due to the Respondent's position as a powerful member of the Hyderabad Cricket Association, I am unable to disclose my identity, as doing so may jeopardize my well-being and prospects within the association. I trust you will address this matter with fairness and discretion.

2. Ms. R.A. Swaroop is one of the nine Councillors of the Apex Council of Hyderabad Cricket Association representing in the capacity of men's players' representative as per the Rule 14(2)(b) of the HCA Memorandum of Association and Rules and Regulations – 2018 ("HCA bye-laws"). The Indian Cricketers Association (ICA) is the formal body recognised by the BCCI from which male and female representatives to each state association are elected every 3 years. Mr. R.A. Swaroop has been elected from the ICA in 2022 to represent as the men's

players' representative to the HCA Apex Council and has since been in that position.

3. It is humbly submitted that Mr. R.A. Swaroop is implicated in conflict of interest as a debarred office bearer of Hyderabad Blues Cricket Club and Roshanara Cricket Club, per the order of the Single Member Committee for conflict of interest, he is ineligible to hold office or contest elections for a period of one term or 3 years, whichever is greater.

4. It is submitted that the Single Member Committee issued an order on 31.07.2023 debarring 57 member clubs of the HCA for conflict of interest, including Hyderabad Blues Cricket Club and Roshanara Cricket Club. Mr. R.A. Swaroop was an office bearer of the said clubs at the time of the order and his name is in the list of office bearers from the 57 debarred clubs. In the order, it is clearly stated in paras 20.18, 20.19 and 20.20 that all the existing executive committee members of Hyderabad Blues Cricket Club and Roshanara Cricket Club are liable to be barred from holding office in HCA and/or contesting elections for the next one term of the Executive Committee of HCA or for three years, whichever is greater.

5. It is very evident from the above-mentioned facts that Mr. R.A. Swaroop is clearly implicated conflicts of interest as an office bearer of the debarred clubs by the Single Member Committee.

Prayer

To immediately disqualify Mr. R.A. Swaroop from the role of Councillor (Men's Players' Representative) to the Apex Council as per the Single Member Committee order dated 31.07.2023 for debarred member with conflict of interest and direct the Apex Council to seek a replacement from the Indian Cricketers Association.

As there is an upcoming Apex Council meeting scheduled on 25.01.2025, It is also humbly prayed in the interim to disallow Mr. R.A. Swaroop to take part in any Apex Council meetings of HCA until final adjudication by your lordship.

Enclosed:

1. Copy of the HCA Bye-laws.
2. Copy of the order of Single Member Committee dt. 31.07.2023.
3. List of debarred office bearers of the 57 clubs by Single Member Committee".

2. Another Email dated 20.01.2025 has been received from the Petitioner namely Mr. S. Kannan, Secretary, Veterans Cricket Association, Telangana (VCAT) stating that the 1st Respondent R.A. Swaroop suffered conflict of interest as he being the Office Bearer, discouraging the Petitioner, though the Petitioner is a permanent Member of The Veterans Cricket Association of Hyderabad (VCAH). Therefore, the Petitioner formed another cricket association namely Veterans Cricket Association, Telangana (VCAT). Mr. S. Kannan was asked to appear today by the office of the Ethics Officer by mail dated 21.01.2025 and

Mr. Kannan promptly responded on the same day stating that he will appear and make his submission on 24.01.2025 at 10.45am.

- 3.** It is to be noted that the Ethics Officer may take the cognizance of any instance of conflict of interest by Suo-Moto, or by way of complaint in writing to the official post or email address or on a reference by the Apex Council. In exercise of the powers vested in me under Rule 39 of the Memorandum of Association and Rules & Regulations – 2018 as Ethics Officer and under Rule 41 as Ombudsman additional charge, I have taken the cognizance the instance of the conflict of interest and Suo-Moto Case has been registered.
- 4.** The Petitioner Mr. Kannan requested to permit him to go through the records and his request is considered and permitted. Based on the records he has emphatically submitted that the contents of the mail dated 17.01.2025 are true and correct and supported by documentary evidence i.e., Order dated 31.07.2023 of the Single Member Committee of HCA constituted by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India appointing L. Nageshwar Rao, Former Judge, Supreme Court of India. The Orders of the said learned Single Member Committee dated 31.07.2023 at Para 20.19 and 20.20 are extracted as follows:

“20.19. From the submissions of the representatives and the documents submitted it was revealed that Mr. R A Swaroop who appeared on behalf of Hyderabad Blues Cricket Club as its Joint Secretary that he has been holding the post of Treasurer at Roshanara Recreation Club simultaneously which was not denied by him;.....”

“20.20. It is clear from their submission that there is no hesitation in admitting that there is direct conflict of interest as per the guidelines of Lodha Committee..... Hyderabad Blues Cricket Club, Roshanara Recreation Club..... which is a clear violation of Lodha Committee guidelines being a direct conflict of interest. Therefore, all the above-named clubs are manifestly in conflict of interest with each other and as such, all their existing executive committee members are liable to be barred from holding office in HCA and/or contesting elections, for the next one term of the Executive Committee of HCA or for three years, whichever is greater. The said clubs are as listed below:

- 20.20.2. Hyderabad Blues Cricket Club**
- 20.20.3. Roshanara Cricket Club**

5. The 2nd Respondent submitted its remarks as follows:

“1. Mr. R.A. Swaroop is one of the nine Councillors to the Apex Council of HCA as an elected Male Players’ Representative of the Indian Cricketers Association (ICA), which is the authorised body to nominate to the HCA Apex Council. He has been nominated on 09.11.2022 and has since been in that position.

2. Mr. R.A. Swaroop has been implicated in conflict of interest as a debarred office bearer of Hyderabad Blues and Roshanara Cricket Club as per the order of the Single Member Committee. The disqualification stands for holding office or contesting elections for a period of one term or 3 years, whichever is greater. The order of the Single Member Committee dated 31.02.2023 and the list of debarred office bearers is enclosed for your reference.”

Heard the Petitioner and the 2nd Respondent.

3rd Respondent is a Formal Party. None appeared for the 1st Respondent when the case is called either in the morning before lunch or after lunch.

6. The proceedings of this Office dated 17.01.2025 in which the contents of the detailed mail dated 17.01.2025 has been sent to the Email Id of the 1st Respondent and by Courier service urgently on 17.01.2025 itself informing the 1st Respondent to appear and make his submissions at 10.30am. on 24.01.2025. But the 1st Respondent has not appeared either in the morning or during the lunch or after the lunch and therefore heard the Petitioner, 2nd Respondent and perused the records and made the following order:

ORDER:

Admittedly the 1st Respondent admitted before the learned Single Member Committee that he is the Joint Secretary of Hyderabad Blues Cricket Club and also he has been holding the post of Treasurer at Roshanara Recreation Club and therefore there is a direct conflict of interest as per the guidelines of Lodha Committee and in view of the conflict of interest of Office Bearers of the Hyderabad Blues Cricket Club and Roshanara Recreation Clubs are barred from holding the Office in HCA and/or contesting elections, for the next one term of the Executive Committee of the HCA or for 3 years whichever is greater.

In view of the undisputed facts that the 1st Respondent Mr. R.A. Swaroop suffered the Order dated 31.07.2023 of the learned Single Member Committee of HCA namely Hon'ble Justice L. Nageswar Rao,

Judge Supreme Court of India constituted by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India that the 1st Respondent barred from holding the office of HCA and/or contesting elections, I am of the opinion that the 1st Respondent cannot any more hold the Office as Male ICA Representative Nominee to the APEX Council of HCA henceforth .

It is open for the 3rd Respondent to nominate any other Male ICA Representative Nominee to the Apex Council of HCA who does not suffer any disqualification as per the Orders of the learned Single Member Committee of HCA dated 31.07.2023.

Accordingly I hold that the 1st Respondent R.A. Swaroop incurred disqualification as manifestly he is the Officer Bearer of two Clubs namely Hyderabad Blues Club as well as Roshanara Recreation Club and as there is a conflict of interest, he was barred from holding Office of HCA as per the Orders of the learned Single Member Committee of HCA dated 31.07.2023, the 1st Respondent Mr. R.A. Swaroop is forthwith barred to hold the Office of ICA Male Representative Nominee to the Apex Council of HCA henceforth.

Sd/-
Justice V. Eswaraiah
Ethics Officer and Ombudsman Addl. Charge
The Hyderabad Cricket Association

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Suneel Kante
Chief Executive Officer

