



THE HYDERABAD CRICKET ASSOCIATION

(Affiliated to the Board of Control for Cricket in India)

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SCRUTINY OF NOMINATION PROCEEDINGS OF ELECTORAL OFFICER DATED 09.03.2026

Ref: Orders dated 07-03-2026 on Completion of First Phase of Scrutiny.

As decided in the initial Order on scrutiny of nominations, the issue was taken up with the objection petition presented by Sri. Chitti Sridhar, Nominations of Sri. Ajmal Asad who had filed nominations for the post of Secretary and Treasurer was taken up. The sum and substance of the objection is Elegant Cricket Club was one of the 57 barred Clubs by the Single Member Committee, Honourable Justice Shri L.Nageswara Rao. The objector had enclosed a photo copy containing names of "Officers of barred clubs in alphabetical order" in which under Sl.No.11, the name of Sri. Ajmal Asad was shown against Elegant Cricket Club. He was requested to authenticate the list of barred Members as the same does not contain any signature or any manner of authentication. When asked to substantiate, the objector had produced two self-attested documents, one was a photo copy of letter in letter head of Elegant Cricket Club dated 27-04-2023 addressed to Honourable Justice Sri. L.Nageswara Rao. While, furnishing certain particulars about the club, apparently in response to a notice issued by the Honourable Justice Sri. L. Nageswara Rao the club had furnished certain details asked for in their letter head in which, the name of Sri. Ajmal Asad is shown as Joint Secretary. The other document is a communication from the Elegant Cricket Club addressed to the Honourable Secretary, HCA, Uppal, Hyderabad dated 18-06-2015, giving names of office bearers in which the name of Sri Ajmal Asad is shown as Joint Secretary.

According to Sri. Chitti Sridhar, the two documents show that Sri. Ajmal Asad was an office bearer Committee Member almost from 2015 until the Elegant Cricket Club furnished the particulars called for by Single Member Committee to decide of conflict-of-interest issue by the clubs/Members. Therefore, it should be concluded that, Sri. Ajmal Asad who was sponsored from the Shalimar Cricket Club was also involved in Elegant Cricket Club as an Office bearer at the time of disqualification of the club and as per orders of Single Member Committee, all the office bearers and Committee Members of barred clubs also were barred from voting and contesting in the elections for a period of 3 years or until next election whichever is higher. He further stated that he had nothing to say about Sri. Ajmal Asad being office bearer of Shalimar Cricket Club and argued that the disqualification of Sri. Ajmal Asad arises from his being a Member of Elegant Cricket Club which is one of the barred clubs by the Single Member Committee.



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Sri. Ajmal Asad, in his response, contended that he had been associated with both Elegant Cricket Club and Shalimar Cricket Club off and on and he was not a part of Elegant Cricket Club when the club was barred by the Single Member Committee. He further contended that Shalimar Cricket Club was in the list of clubs permitted by Single Member Committee and draft Electoral role for 2023 Elections was furnished by the then CEO clearly had Shalimar Cricket Club as Sl.No.72 with the name of Ajmal Asad as representative. This list was used as draft list for publication for change of representatives, if any. If he (Sri. Ajmal Asad) was in the list of disqualified Members of a barred club, as is claimed by the objector, the same Single Member Committee who barred 57 clubs with office bearers, would not have cleared the Shalimar Cricket Club with Ajmal Asad as the representative. Further, he also contended that his name figured in the list of clubs with his name, with Shalimar Cricket Club for all the AGM's conducted subsequently. If there was any iota of doubt about his disqualification, his name would not have figured against Shalimar Cricket Club in all subsequent General Body Meetings. He further contended that he had resigned from Elegant Cricket Club before 31-07-2023, date of disqualification orders passed by the Single Member Committee and this is borne out by the letter submitted by Elegant Cricket Club dated 23-08-2023 to the Single Member Committee and copy to HCA and other authorities including the Electoral Officer. He further stated that he had resigned from the Elegant Cricket Club before the club was barred by the Single Member Committee and there is no way he could have suffered disqualification as a Member of Elegant Cricket Club.

He was asked to produce reliable documents about the resignation process like his letter of resignation and its acceptance in the records of Elegant Cricket Club and he requested some time to produce the relevant documents.

Since, the objector had claimed that, Sri. Ajmal Asad was in the list of disqualified Member of barred clubs, the CEO of HCA was asked to go into the records of the HCA and furnish the list of disqualified Members as per orders of the Single Member Committee. He also requested for some time to approach the Crime Investigation Department of Telangana who have seized all the records from the then CEO Office in connection with some Criminal investigation. He promised to contact the Crime Investigation Department to obtain the list of disqualified Members, if available. Keeping in view of the requirement of both the enquiry was postponed to 3:00P.M on 09-03-2026.

While the enquiry resumed on 3:00P.M. Sri. Ajmal Asad produced a self-attested photo copy of resignation letter submitted to Elegant Cricket Club submitted on 06-06-2023. He also mentioned because of the short time, he was unable to get the records from the club, Elegant Cricket Club. He further mentioned that Elegant Cricket Club had reported to Single Member Committee that at the Annual General Body Meeting of the club, new set of office bearers, had taken charge as mentioned in their letter to Single Member Committee dated 23-08-2023 in which the name of Ajmal Asad was left out. He cited this as evidence of acceptance of his resignation at Elegant Cricket Club. He further contended that he had not received any communication either from the Single Member



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Committee or from HCA about his disqualification as Member of a barred club, Elegant Cricket Club. When there was no communication of any kind about his disqualification as an office bearer of Elegant Cricket Club, the same Single Member Committee who disqualified 57 clubs with its office bearers, had approved his name as representative of Shalimar Cricket Club for participation in October, 2023 elections. In the circumstances, he pleaded that he filed his nomination for the posts of Secretary and Treasurer validly nominated by Shalimar Cricket Club which is a permitted club by the Single Member Committee and with its representative, as per the list of clubs furnished by the then CEO with the approval of Single Member Committee.

The presentation or pleadings of objector and contesting candidate were examined carefully. The main basis for the contention of the objector is that, Sri. Ajmal Asad names figured in the list of disqualified office bearers by Single Member Committee, but it has to be noted that the list of disqualified members, furnished by him does not have any authentication. The efforts made by Electoral Officer to obtain the list of disqualified office bearers/committee members from the office of the Single Member Committee, which is defunct now, did-not bear fruit because it was informed that all records relating to 2023 elections had been passed on to HCA and only HCA should be in a position to provide such list. It was also informed that the list of disqualified office bearers has not been made public, though the list of clubs barred by Single Member Committee has been in public domain.

The CEO, HCA who made efforts with the concerned officer of Crime Investigation Department, Telangana also informed that he was unable to get permission to access the seized records containing, the list of disqualified Members, in the circumstances, the Electoral Officer has to take a decision in the matter with the available material and arguments presented. There is no clinching evidence about the presence of the name of Sri. Ajmal Asad in the list of disqualified office bearers of barred clubs. However, it has to be noted that in response to the request the Electoral Officer, the then CEO had furnished the list of eligible clubs for conduct of October, 2023 elections with the approval of Single Member Committee. In the said list the name of Sri. Ajmal Asad figures against Shalimar Cricket Club at Sl.No.72, there is force in the arguments of the candidate, Sri. Ajmal Asad that if his name was in the list of office bearers of barred clubs, the Single Member Committee who had both the lists would not have permitted his name against Shalimar Cricket Club. In the circumstances this is the one factor which tilts the arguments in favour of the candidate. In the absence of authenticated list of disqualified candidates, we have no option except to go by the voters list furnished by the then CEO, with the approval of the Single Member Committee. Accordingly, in the circumstances and also keeping in view the general rule when the other things remain equal, benefit of doubt should be given in favour of validation of nomination, it is decided to allow the nominations of Sri. Ajmal Asad.



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The next issue that was taken up during the scrutiny extension was the complaint of Sri C. Babu Rao Sagar.

Sri C. Babu Rao Sagar raised objection to the candidature of Dr. K. Anil Kumar for the post of Treasurer. The objector cited Rule 14(7), extracted below.

“14. The Apex Council

(7) Notwithstanding anything contained elsewhere in these Rules, a former President of the HCA shall not be entitled to be elected or nominated to the Apex Council in any capacity except for a second and final term as President, subject to sub-Rules (4) and (5) above.”

Sri C. Babu Rao Sagar contended that after the disqualification of the then President Sri G. Vivekanand, Dr. K. Anil Kumar who was the Vice President started officiating as President. He contended that since the then President was removed from office, it was almost a regular vacancy and the Vice President functioning as President should be treated functioning as President.

He also pointed out that in his capacity as officiating President, he had conducted two (2) AGMS.

Therefore, the provisions of Rule 7(2)(a) relating to Vice President officiating in the absence of President or if the President is unavailable, should not apply in this case and it should be treated that Dr. K. Anil Kumar was functioning as President and he will attract the restriction of Rule 14(7).

In response, Dr. K. Anil Kumar presented his arguments as follows:

He was never elected as President of the Association and even when he was officiating as President, he was only performing functions in the absence of the President. He was only elected as Vice President. He also contended that under the Rules relating to powers and functions of Vice President, the Vice President virtually has no independent power and his main role is to officiate in the absence of President or when the President is unavailable. In addition, the Vice President will perform the functions and duties as allotted by the General Body or the Apex Council.

Therefore, the nature of vacancy of President or duration of vacancy of President is not a factor that will alter the position of Vice President under Rule 7(2)(a). He reiterated that he was never elected as President and he had only contested for the post of President once and lost.

Therefore, it is not correct to apply rule 14(7) in his case and he is entitled to seek election to any lower position than President.

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The objection of Sri C.Babu Rao Sagar was examined in the context of explanation of Dr. K. Anil Kumar and duly keeping in view the provisions of Memorandum of Association and Rules and Regulations – 2018. Rule 14(7) is extracted below.

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(7) Notwithstanding anything contained elsewhere in these Rules, a former President of the HCA shall not be entitled to be elected or nominated to the Apex Council in any capacity except for a second and final term as President, subject to sub-Rules (4) and (5) above.”

The Rule is clear, the former president of HCA shall not be entitled to be elected or nominated to the Apex Council in any capacity except for the second and final term as President. The word used here ***“President”*** is significant. As contended by Dr. K. Anil Kumar, he had not been elected as President any time. There is force in his arguments that Vice President performing the duties of President in the case of any vacancy, be it temporary or of any length of time, will not amount to election as President.

In the circumstances, objection raised to the candidature of Dr. Anil Kumar is not sustainable and his nomination is declared as valid.


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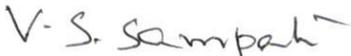
SCRUTINY OF NOMINATIONS

The Scrutiny of nominations was taken up on 07.03.2026 (Saturday) at 11:00am and continued on 09.03.2026 (Monday) with receipt of certain objections. The objectors were given opportunity for personal hearing on 09.03.2026 and the contesting candidates were also given opportunity to present their case. On an examination of the objectors with reference to the responses, a detailed order was passed allowing both the nominations objected to. Accordingly, the list of valid nominations is placed below.

LIST OF VALID NOMINATIONS

S.No.	Name of the candidate	Applied for the post	Remarks
1.	Mr. K.Ganesh Pai	Secretary	Nomination accepted
2.	Mr. K. Ganesh Pai	Treasurer	Nomination accepted
3.	Dr. R. Harinarayan Rao	Secretary	Nomination accepted
4.	Dr. R. Harinarayan Rao	Treasurer	Nomination accepted
5.	Ajmal Asad	Secretary	Nomination accepted
6.	Ajmal Asad	Treasurer	Nomination accepted
7.	M. Jeevan Reddy	Secretary	Nomination accepted (Filed two nominations for the post of Secretary)
8.	Chitti Sridhar	Secretary	Nomination accepted
9.	Chitti Sridhar	Treasurer	Nomination accepted (Filed two nominations for the post of Treasurer)
10.	Dr. K. Anil Kumar	Treasurer	Nomination accepted
11.	R. M. Bhaskar	Secretary	Nomination accepted
12.	C. Babu Rao	Treasurer	Nomination accepted
13.	Gerrard Carr	Treasurer	Nomination accepted
14.	V. Agam Rao	Secretary	Nomination accepted
15.	V. Agam Rao	Treasurer	Nomination accepted

The date fixed for submission of withdrawal application is 10.03.2026 from 11:00am to 4:00pm. It is brought to the notice of the candidates that those who have filed nominations for more than one (1) post should limit their contest to one post by submitting their withdrawal application for the other post. Failure to limit the contest to one post, will result in invalidation of both the nominations. The withdrawal of nomination forms submitted by the contesting candidate alone will be accepted.


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