

**BEFORE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK GUPTA  
FORMER JUDGE, SUPREME COURT OF INDIA  
OMBUDSMAN, BIHAR CRICKET ASSOCIATION**

**Mr. Aditya Verma .....Applicant/ Complainant No. 1**

**Versus**

**BCA ..... Respondent**

**With**

**Mr. Amit Kumar ..... Complainant No. 2**

**Versus**

**BCA & Ors. .... Respondent**

**With**

**Mr. Sanjay Kumar & Anr. ....Applicant/ Complainant No. 3**

**Versus**

**BCA & ORS ..... Respondent**

**With**

**Mr. Rupesh Kumar Jha & Anr.....Complainant No.4**

**Versus**

**BCA & Ors.....Respondent**

## **Appearance**

### **For Complainant No. 1:**

Mr. Avinash Srivastava, Senior Adv.

Mr. Karthik Pandey, Adv.

### **For Complainant No. 2:**

Mr. Ashwar Mustafa Ahmed, Adv.

Mr. Ahmad Ibrahim, Adv.

Mr. Amit Kumar

### **For Complainant No. 3:**

Ms. Akansha Mehra, Adv.

### **For Complainant No.4**

Mr. Pratik Kumar, Adv.

### **For Respondent**

Mr. Raju Giri, Senior Adv.

Mr. Navjot Yesu, Adv.

Mr. Manish Raj, CEO, BCA

Mr. Ziaul Arefin, Secretary, BCA

## **ORDER DATED 27 MAY 2026**

1. Mr. Navjot Yesu, learned counsel for the Respondent prays for and granted time till 05 June, 2026 to file reply to both the applications filed by complainant nos.1 and 3 respectively.
2. As far as Application No. 1 filed by Mr. Aditya Verma is concerned, it is made clear that the scope of the present application shall be limited to Complaint No. 15 filed before Hon'ble Mr. Justice L. Nageswara Rao, the previous Ombudsman.
3. It is further clarified that the scope of the present application shall only be confined to the validity of the Selection Committee and the appointment of

Selection Committee(s) for selection of teams representing the State of Bihar in different tournaments.

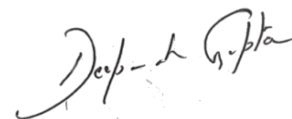
4. As regards Application No. 2, I find from the application that, pursuant to the directions of then Ombudsman-cum-Ethics Officer of the Bihar Cricket Association, Shri Nawal Kishore Singh, Retired District Judge, by order dated 01.08.2025, the BCA was directed to constitute an Ad-hoc committee. The said committee was constituted and is stated to have commenced functioning from August, 2025
5. Notice of the present application, along with copies thereof, shall also be issued to the three members of the said committee to explain the work undertaken by them since August, 2025.
6. The Applicant in Application No. 2 is also directed to furnish a copy of the application to the Bihar Cricket Association and the Gaya District Cricket Association today itself.
7. It is also made clear that I am prima facie of the view that an Ad-hoc committee cannot continue indefinitely and must eventually be replaced by a duly elected committee.
8. At the same time, I am conscious of the fact that my predecessor, Hon'ble Mr. Justice L. Nageswara Rao, in his report dated 26 February, 2026, made certain recommendations with regard to verification of the electoral rolls, which are presently pending consideration before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.
9. Accordingly, I am taking up the present applications and shall pass appropriate orders only after taking into consideration all the aforesaid aspects, on which the parties may address submissions on the next date of hearing.

10. By my letter dated 08.05.2026, I had fixed my honorarium and fees as follows:

*“I note that the Bihar Cricket Association, in its response, has highlighted the financial constraints being faced by it. Taking the same into consideration, and keeping in view the volume and nature of work involved, I propose that the honorarium payable to me be fixed at Rs.5,00,000/- per month. In addition, a sum of Rs.50,000/- per month may be paid directly to my colleague(s) towards secretarial and administrative assistance, making a total of Rs. 5,50,000/- per month.*

*I have been informed that there are a large number of cases involving extensive adjudication. Accordingly, i propose that, in each case, a reading fee of Rs. 2,00,000/- be payable, to be shared equally between the parties, i.e.,1,00,000 each by the concerned party and the Bihar Cricket Association. As regards hearing fees, a fee of Rs. 2,00,000/- per session may be paid, to be equally shared between the parties Rs.1,00,000/- each. Each session shall be of a duration not exceeding two and a half hours.”*

11. Some parties have expressed reservations regarding payment of these fees. The BCA and certain District Committees are willing to pay the same. Some applicants have also expressed willingness to pay the fees. I shall take into consideration the various requests made and pass appropriate orders after hearing the parties on the next date.
12. List on 11.06.2026 at 10:30 A.M. through Video Conference. The Office of the Ombudsman shall circulate the meeting link to all concerned at least one day prior to the date fixed for hearing.
13. The BCA is directed to upload a copy of this order on its website.



**Justice Deepak Gupta (Retd.)  
Ombudsman**