

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

Mr. Aditya VermaApplicant No. 1

Versus

BCA Respondent

With

Mr. Rupesh Kumar Jha & Anr..... Applicant No.3

Versus

BCA & Ors.....Respondent

Appearance

For Applicant No. 1:

Mr. Abhinav Shrivastava, Senior Adv.
Mr. Karthik Pandey, Adv.

For Complainant No.4

Mr. Pratik Kumar, Adv.

For DCA

Mr. Aakarshan Aditya, Adv.

For Respondent

Mr. Neeraj Gupta, Senior Adv.
Mr. Navjot Yesu, Adv.
Mr. Manish Raj, CEO, BCA
Mr. Ziaul Arefin, Secretary, BCA

ORDER DATED 11 JUNE 2026

Application No.1

1. Mr. Abhinav Shrivastava along with Mr. Karthik Pandey submits that, in view of the fact that a fresh advertisement for the selection of selectors has been issued, he seeks permission to withdraw the present application with liberty to file a fresh application challenging the new selection process. He further submits that all the points raised in the present application may be kept open and be permitted to be urged in the fresh application proposed to be filed by him.

2. Liberty, as prayed for, is granted. The application is dismissed as withdrawn with liberty to file a fresh application. It is clarified that all contentions raised in the present application are left open. As and when a fresh application is filed, appropriate orders shall be passed thereon.

Application No. 3 in Complaint Nos. 33 and 39

3. Mr. Aakarshan Aditya, Ld. Counsel for District Cricket Associations has sought leave to participate in the proceedings. He submits that the complaints pertain to the selection of players who have represented the State of Bihar and that such players are initially selected at the district level before being selected to represent the State. He further submits that, as he represents the District Cricket Associations, he may be permitted to assist and participate in the proceedings. This request is allowed.

4. The Office of the Ombudsman shall supply to Mr. Akarshan Aditya, at his e-mail address, copy of Application No.3 comprising of Complaints Nos. 33 and 39 along with all relevant documents.

5. Replies to Complaint Nos. 33 and 39 shall be filed by the Bihar Cricket Association as well as all the District Cricket Associations of Bihar on or before 25.05.2026.
6. List on 27 June, 2026 at 5:30 P.M. through video-conferencing. The Office of the Ombudsman shall circulate the meeting link to all concerned at least one day prior to the date fixed for hearing.
7. In today's session three applications were heard. The fee payable for the said session is Rs. 2,00,000/-. The BCA shall pay a sum of Rs.1,00,000/-. The remaining sum of Rs.1,00,000/- shall be paid by Applicant No.1, Aditya Verma, Applicant No. 2, Mr. Sanjay Kumar, Applicant No. 3, Mr. Rupesh Jha, and the Gaya District Cricket Association. Accordingly, each shall pay Rs.25000/ on or before the next date of hearing.
8. In addition, a reading fee of Rs.50,000/- is payable for each application. No reading fee is being charged in Application No.1 as the same was withdrawn. The BCA shall pay a sum of Rs.25,000/- each in Applications 2 & 3. Applicant No. 2, Mr. Sanjay Kumar, and Applicant No. 3, Mr. Rupesh Jha shall also pay a sum of Rs.25,000/- each. It is clarified that reading fees will only be payable once for each application.
9. The BCA is directed to upload a copy of this order on its website.



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