# BEFORE THE OMBUDSMAN AND ETHICS OFFICER, BIHAR CRICKET ASSOCIATION.

SHRI PARAS NATH RAI, OMBUDSMAN AND ETHICS OFFICER, BIHAR CRICKET ASSOCIATION. BINDYAWASHNI COMPLEX, C/O- HOTEL WELCOME PALACE, R.K. BHATACHARYA ROAD, 6<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR, PATNA.

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Yoshita Patwardhan (Female) aged about 23 years, daughter of D.V. Patwardhan, Resident of Junathi, P.S.- Kinjar, District- Arwal.

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- Bihar Cricket Association, through its Secretary, having its registered office at 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Shailraj Complex, Buddh Marg, Patna. e-mail : <u>bca@biharcricketassociation.com</u>
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- 3. Dilip Singh, son of Late Ramashankar Singh, resident of Bhabhua Ekta Chowk, Ward No. 12, Post- Bhabhua, P.S.- Bhabhua, District- Kaimur, presently functioning as Vice President of Bihar Cricket Association. e-mail : <u>bcadilipsingh@gmail.com</u>

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- Priya Kumar, daughter of Shri Shankar Deo Choudhary, presently functioning as Joint Secretary of Bihar Cricket Association. e-mail : priyakumarizns@gmail.com
- 5. Vikash Kumar, son of Sri Sushil Mishra, Resident of B/10, Gandhi Vihar, Police Colony, P.S.- Anisabad, District- Patna recently been nominated as Male representative of Bihar Cricket Association by the ICA. e-mail – <u>vikashkumarranu@gmail.com</u>
- 6. Lovely Raj, Daughter of Sri Laxmi Patel, Resident of Choudhary Compound, Rambagh Road, Post- Ramna, P.S.- Ramna, District- Muzaffarpur, recently been nominated as Female representative of Bihar Cricket Association by the ICA, e-mail : <u>lovely706@yahoo.com</u> <u>lovely706@gmail.com</u>

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Ombudsman and Ethics Officer, Bihar Cricket Association.

#### **APPEARANCE** :

Advocate for the Petitioner: Mr. Kishan Kumar.Adv. for Res. Nos. 1 & 2: Mr. Ranjan Kumar Srivastava.Adv. For Res. No. 3, 4 & 6: None.Advocate for Respondent No.5 : Mr. Rajesh Kumar Singh.

Judgment Reserved on : 09.06.2023

Judgment Delivered on : 23.06.2023

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## ORAL JUDGMENT

23.06.2023 :

This case has been filed by petitioner Yoshita Patwardhan (female) for issuance of an Order to remove Respondent No. 3 Dilip Singh, son of Late Ramashankar Singh, resident of Bhabhua Ekta Chowk, Ward No. 12, Post- Bhabhua, P.S.- Bhabhua, District- Kaimur, who is presently functioning illegally as the Vice President of Bihar Cricket Association for his illegal conduct which is totally against the Rule and the post of Vice President of Bihar Cricket Association (hereinafter referred to be as BCA) on the ground of conflict of interest; and for issuance of an order to remove Respondent No. 4, Priya Kumar, daughter of Shri Shankar Deo Choudhary, who is presently functioning illegally as the Joint Secretary of BCA for her illegal conduct which is totally against the Rule and the post of Joint Secretary of BCA which also hit by the conflict of interest and further for issuance of an Order to remove Respondent No. 5, Vikash Kumar, son of Sri Sushil Mishra, Resident of B/10, Gandhi Vihar, Police Colony, P.S.- Anisabad, District-Patna, who is presently functioning illegally as the nominated male representative of BCA by the ICA and is also hit by the Rule 42.4 of Rules of BCA; and also for issuance of an order to remove Respondent No. 6,



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who is presently functioning illegally as the nominated female representative of BCA by the ICA and is also hit by the Rule 17.6 of the Rule of BCA and for direction that the Respondent No. 3 to 6 may be restrained from functioning and participating in the meeting of the committee of management, annual general meeting or special general meeting of the BCA or in any meeting of BCA in their aforesaid capacity (official capacity) till the pendency of this application).

Further, the petitioner has seek direction to the Respondent No. 2 i.e., Secretary, BCA to take all the initiative for nomination of the nominated member of the BCA, be it an ICA representative or AG nominee as no step in this regard has been taken / adopted by the Secretary of the BCA in this regard and thus the same is completely arbitrary and illegal AND / OR pass such other order or orders as the Court deem fit and proper.

2. The petitioner's prayer in brief is that the BCA is a registered institution under the Society Registration act, 1860 having its own "Memorandum of Association and Rules and Regulations" for its governance and superintendence. Rule 51 of the aforesaid Rules clearly speaks that BCA shall be sue or shall be sued in the name of the Honorary Secretary. It has been further stated that as per the Constitution of BCA and an order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, it is



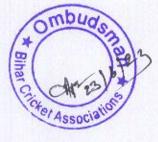
Secretary only who is considered as the competent authority to plead, swear and contest any application before any Hon'ble Court on behalf of the BCA and therefore he is only be impleaded as party Respondent in the present case. The Constitution of BCA has been framed and is registered under Society Registration act. Rule 44 provides for appointment of Ombudsman who is there for the purpose of the providing independent dispute resolution mechanism. Further Rule 45 of the constitution talks about the grievance redressal. Rule 45 (1)(a) stipulates that any dispute between or among the BCA, its members, tournament franchise, zones and cricket players association shall automatically referred to the Ombudsman. Further it is grievance of the petitioner that on 17.07.2022, a meeting of the committee of management of BCA was held at the residence of the President of BCA under his chairmanship on different Agendas. From bare perusal of the said minute of the meeting it is apparently clear that apart from the other agendas one of the agenda which is concern with the fact of the present case is Agenda No. 2, which talks about the appointment of selectors, coach, physio, trainer and massager etc. for the sessions 2022 - 23 (the copy of relevant portion of the minutes of meeting dated 17.07.2022 is Annexure-1). From perusal of the decision of aforesaid agenda, it is apparently clear that Shri Dilip Singh recent vice



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President of BCA and Shri Shankar Deo Choudhary appointed were as Chairman and convenor. respectively, of the three-man committee for appointment of Selectors, Coach, Physio, Trainer and Massager etc. for the sessions 2022 – 23. It is also relevant that the above named both persons are functioning in the said capacity till date. So far Dilip Singh is concerned, he is presently functioning as the vice President of BCA and is also the chairman of three-man committee for appointment of Selectors, Coach, Physio, Trainer and Massager etc. for the sessions 2022 - 23 and his son namely Shivam Singh is in the team of Ranji Trophy from Bihar and therefore the post which he holds is directly hit by Rule 42 (V) of BCA i.e., Rule of the conflict of interest. It is further stated that in the same and similar circumstances in BCA / Ombudsman Case No. BCA / EO / 01 - 02 / 2020 in a case of Mr. Vishwas Vs. BCA and others this Hon'ble Court has held, the then Secretary of BCA to be guilty and vide order dated 15.05.2021 he has been removed from the post of Secretary and has also been debarred from all the cricket activity for a period of one year (a copy of order dated 15.05.2021 is Annexuxre-2). It is further alleged that father of Priya Kumari, Shri Shankar Deo Choudhary is the convenor for appointment of Selectors, Coach, Physio, Trainer and Massager etc. for

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the sessions 2022 - 23 and his son namely Govind Deo Choudhary is also in the team of Ranji Trophy from Bihar who is own brother of Priya Kumari, Respondent No. 4. Respondent No. 4 is presently functioning as Joint Secretary of BCA which is directly hit by Rule 42 (V) of BCA Rule for conflict of interest (a copy of list of players is annexed as Annexure-3). It is further alleged that on 28.08.2022 a meeting of General Body of BCA was held under the Chairmanship of President of Bihar Cricket Association on different agendas. From perusal of the minutes of the said meeting it is apparently clear that the Respondent No. 5 & 6 have been appointed as the Chairman of the Junior Cricket Committee and Woman Selection Committee, respectively, and therefore, their present nomination by the ICA is also hit by the conflict of interest as per rule 42(ii) of BCA Constitution and is bad and illegal in the eyes of law. A copy of the proceeding dated 28.08.2022 is annexed as Annexure-4.

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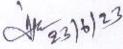
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It has been also alleged that the Justice Lodha Committee was constituted by the Hon'ble Supreme Court and thereafter several reforms took place in the game of Cricket in India. In terms of Rule 17(2)(C) of the Rule of BCA there is provision of nomination by the Accountant General Nominee (in short hereinafter referred to be as A.G.) but to the knowledge of the petitioner the BCA has not taken any step so far, the

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nomination of the A.G. nominee could be arrived at. Further case of the petitioner is that as per Rule 17(2)(B) of the Constitution of BCA there is provision for nomination of two ICA Representative, one Male and one Female. As per Rule 17(6) of BCA no nominated member shall be more than one term of three years and Rule 42(II) of Constitution of BCA as both the Respondents No. 5 & 6 is holding two posts at one point of time which is also hit by Rule 42(1)(II) of BCA Constitution. Further it is stated that the meeting of the Committee of Management (hereinafter referred to as COM), total 09 members are required. The meeting of Committee of Management is to be held after every three months after the nomination of the nominated members but it is stated that to the knowledge of the petitioner, no meeting of the COM has been held legally so far. Further it is stated that Secretary of the Association is solely responsible for all the cricketing and non cricketing activities both in BCCI and BCA after the judgment of the Hon'ble Apex Court dated 23.09.2022 passed in Civil Appeal No. 4235 of 2014 but the Respondent No. 2 instead of taking any initiative in this regard is keeping mum over the matter since last several days. The petitioner has not moved this Hon'ble Court earlier in this connection.





- Respondent No. 1 and 2 appeared through their 4. counsel Mr. Ranjan Kumar Srivastava and have supported the allegation and fact asserted by the petitioner.
- Respondent No. 5 Vikas Kumar appeared through his 5. Advocate and filed Reply but thereafter neither the counsel nor the Respondent No. 5 ever present physically, despite service of summon through e-mail and through speed post.
- 6. So far Respondent No. 3, 4 & 6 are concerned neither they appeared himself nor through counsel and so their case is heard ex-parte.
- On the basis of pleadings made by the parties the 7. following points arose for determination :-

i. Whether the present filed case as is maintainable?

Whether the allegation of conflict of interest ii. against Respondent Nos. 3 to 6 is made out and petitioner is able to prove it?

## FINDINGS

Before entering into the discussion of both points for 8. determination I would like to mention here that after vacation of post by earlier Ethics Officer and In-charge Ombudsman this case came before me in the month of April-2023. This Court has issued afresh summon through e-mail and speed post to all the Respondents but Respondent Nos. 3, 4 & 6 never take pain to





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appear before the Court. Leaving no chance the Court has made paper publication for their appearance and thereafter the case has been fixed for ex-parte hearing against Respondent Nos. 3, 4 & 6 because they did not appear. So far Respondent No. 5 is concerned, though he has appeared through his counsel and filed Reply but not came before the court to support its Reply.

9. Determination of Point No. 1 and 2 : As both the points for determination is co-related, therefore, it should be taken together for discussion. The petitioner has filed this Application under Rule 45 Rule (1)(a) read with Rule 42 and 43 of the Bihar Cricket Association Memorandum of Associations Rules and Regulations.

Rule 45(1)(a) runs as follows :

45. Grievance Redressal :

 The types of dispute / differences that form the Ombudsman's ambit and the procedures for the redressal are :

a. <u>Member, Association & Franchisee Disputes</u> : Any disputes between or among the BCA, its Members, Tournaments Franchisees, Zones and the Cricket Players' Association shall be automatically referred to the Ombudsman.

Procedure : Both parties would submit their arguments and a hearing would be conducted following the principle of natural justice and exercising all powers of enquiry and hearing as the Ombudsman deems fit before appropriate orders are passed."

Rule 42 runs as follows :

"42. CONFLICT OF INTEREST :

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A Conflict of Interest may take any of the following forms as far as any individual associated with the BCA is concerned.

(i). <u>Direct or Indirect Interest</u>: When the BCA, a Member, the Tournament or a Franchisee enter into contractual arrangements with entitles in which the individual concerned or his / her relative, partner or close associate has an interest. This is to include cases where family members, partners or close associates are in positions that may, or may be seen to compromise an individual's participation, performance and discharge of roles.

Illustration 1 : A is an Office Bearer of the BCA when it enters into abroad cast contract with accompany where A's son B is employed. A is hit by Direct Conflict of Interest.

Illustration 2 : C is a Member of the Tournament Executive Council. The Tournament enters into a contract with a new franchisee, the Managing Director of which is C's partner in an independent commercial venture. C is hit by indirect Conflict of Interest.

Illustration 3 : D is the Office Bearer of a District Association. D's wife E has shares in a Tournament Franchisee which enters into a stadium contract with the District Association. D is hit by Conflict of Interest.

Illustration 4 : F is President of the BCA. His son-in-law is a Team Official of a Franchisee. F is hit by Conflict of Interest.

Illustration 5 : G is an employee of the BCA. His wife runs a catering agency that is engaged by the BCA. G is hit by Conflict of Interest.

(ii). <u>Roles compromised</u>. When the individual holds two separate or distinct posts or positions under the BCA, a Member, the BPL or the franchisee, the functions of which would require the one to be beholden to the other, or in opposition thereof.

> Illustration 1 : A is the Coach of a team. He is also Coach of an BPL Franchisee. A is hit by Conflict of Interest.

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Illustration 2 : B is Secretary of the BCA, He is also President of a District Association. B is hit by conflict of interst.

Illustration 3 : C is the Vice President of the BCA. He is also President of a District Association and member of a Standing Committee. C is hit by Conflict of Interest.

Illustration 4 : D is a Selector. He is also coach of an BPL franchisee. D is hit by Conflict of Interest.

<u>Commercial conflicts</u>. When the individual enters into endorsement contracts or other professional engagements with third parties, the discharge of which would compromise the individual's primary obligation to the game or allow for a perception that the purity of a game stands compromised.

Illustration 1 : A runs a cricket academy. He is appointed as a Selector. A is hit by Conflict of Interest.

Illustration 2 : B is a BCA commentator. He also runs a sports management company which contracts members of the team. B is hit by Conflict of Interest.

Illustration 3 : C is a selector. He is contracted to write a column on a tour that the State team is on. C is hit by Conflict of Interest.

Illustration 4 : D is a team captain. He is also co-owner of a sports management agency which is contracted to manage other team members. D is hit by Conflict of Interest.

Illustration 5 : E is a member of the BPL Governing Council. He is engaged by a cricket broadcaster to act as a Tournament Commentator. E is hit by Conflict of Interest.

(iv). <u>Prior relationship</u>. When the individual has a direct or indirect independent commercial engagement with a vendor or service provider in the past, which is now to be engaged by or on behalf of the BCA, its Member, the BPL or the Franchisee.

> Illustration 1 : A is President of BCA. Prior to his taking office, he has been engaged professionally for his services by a firm B. After A becomes President. B is appointed as



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the official consultants of the BCA. A is hit by Conflict of Interest.

Illustration 2 : B is the Secretary of a District Association. Prior to his election, he ran a firm C, specializing in electronic boundary hoardings. Upon becoming Secretary, the contract for the Association's stadium boardings is granted to C. B is hit by Conflict of Interest.

Illustration 3 : D is the Chairperson of the Governing Council. Before he came into this office, he used to engage E as his auditor for his business. After becoming Chairperson, E is appointed as auditor to the BPL. D is hit by Conflict of Interest.

Illustration 4 : F is the Captain of a Tournament team, and G is the team's manager. When F is made captain of the State team, G is appointed as the State team's Manager. F is hit by Conflict of Interest.

<u>Position of influence</u> : When the individual occupies a post that calls for decisions of a governance, managements or selection to be made, and where a friend, relative or close affiliate is in the zone of consideration or subject to such decision-making, control or management. Also, when the individual holds any stake, voting rights or power to influence the decisions of a franchisee / club / team that participates in the commercial league(s) under BCA :

Illustration 1 : A is a selector. His son is in the zone of consideration for selection. A is hit by Direct Conflict of Interest.

Illustration 2 : B is the Secretary of a District Association. He also runs a cricket academy in the District. B is hit by Conflict of Interest.

Illustration 3 : C is an umpire. His daughter D isa member of a team which is playing a match in which C officiates. C is hit by Conflict of Interest.

Illustration 4 : E is the President of a District Association and his company F owns 12 ricket clubs in the District from which probables are selected for the District team. E is hit by Conflict of Interest.



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EXPLANATION : The Illustrations which refer to a President / Secretary / Vice President may be read as illustrations referring to any other Office Bearer, and also to the member of the Apex Council, the Governing Council and the Committees.

Within a period of 15 days of taking any office under the BCA, every individual shall disclose in writing to the Committee of Management any existing or potential event that may be deemed to cause a Conflict of Interest, and the same shall be uploaded on the website of the BCA. The failure to issue a complete disclosure, or any partial or total suppression thereof would render the individual open to disciplinary action which may include termination and removal without benefits. It is clarified that a declaration does not lead to a presumption that in fact a questionable situation exists. but is merely for information and transparency.

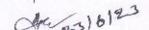
A Conflict of Interests may be either Tractable or Intractable.

- a. Intractable conflicts are those that are resolvable or permissible or excusable through recusal of the individual concerned and/or with full disclosure of the interest involved.
- b. Intractable conflicts are those that cannot be resolved through disclosure and recusal, and would necessitate the removal of the individual from a post or position occupied so that the conflict an cease to exist :

Explanation : In Illustration (3) of Rule 42(I)(i), if the wife held 51% sharers, the conflict will be treated as intractable. If the wife holds 13% sharers the conflict is tractable will have to be decided by the Ethics Officer on the facts of the case. If the wife holds 1% - 2% or only 100 shares out of 1 crore shares, a disclosure of the same may be sufficient.

It is clarified that no individual may occupy more than one of the following posts at a single point of time except where prescribed under these Rules:

- a. Player (Current).
- b. Selector / Member of Cricket Committee.
- c. Team Official.
- d. Commentator.
- e. Match Official.
- f. Administrator / Office-Bearer.





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- g. Electoral Officer.
- h. Ombudsman & Ethics Officer.

i. Auditor.

- j. Any person who is in governance, management or employment of a Franchisee.
- k. Member of a Standing committee.
- Chief Manager & Managers.
- m. Office Bearer of a Memmer.
- n. Service Provider (Legal, Financial, etc.)
- o. Contractual entity (Broadcast, Security, Contractor, etc.).
- p. Owner of a Cricket Academy.
- (5) As far as incumbents are concerned, every disclosure mandated under Sub-Rule (3) may be made within 90 days of the approval of these Rules by committee of Management."
- 10. The petitioner has alleged against Respondent No. 3 & 4 i.e., Dilip Singh, presently functioning illegally as the Vice President of the Bihar Cricket Association and Priya Kumari, presently functioning illegally as Joint Secretary of the Bihar Cricket Association, respectively for their conflict of Interest by holding their present post for their illegal conduct which is totally against the Rule and Post which they hold. In this regard Annexure-1 filed on behalf of Petitioner i.e., Minutes of Committee of Management dated 17.07.2022 held in the Chairmanship of President of BCA Shri Rakesh Kumar Tiwari. The Agenda No. 2 is challenged in this

"अर्जेडा नंबर : 2. सत्र 2022 – 23 हेतु विभिन्न टीमो के लिए सेलेक्टर्स , कोच, फिजिओ, मसाजर, आदि की नियुक्ति हेतु प्रक्रिया पर विमर्श और निर्णय | निर्णय : वर्ष 2022-23 में विभिन्न टीमों के लिए चयनकर्ता, कोच, फिजिओ, ट्रेनर, ट्रेनर, मसाजर, आदि की नियुक्ति हेतु दिनांक 05 जुलाई, 2022 को बिहार क्रिकेट एसोसिएशन के वेबसाइट पर प्रकाशित अधिसूचना पर विस्तृत चर्चा के पश्चात

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application, which funs as follows :



सर्वसम्मति से एक त्रिसदिस्यीय समिति का गठन किया जो कि प्राप्त आवेदन का साक्षात्कर कर अपना अनुशंसा समिति ऑफ़ मैनेजमेंट को देंगे | त्रिसदिस्यीय समिति के सदस्य निम्न है: चेयरमैन - श्री दिलीप सिंह (उपाध्यक्ष)

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इस त्रिसदिस्यीय समिति के द्वारा समर्पित लिस्ट पर निर्णय लेने के लिए समिति ऑफ़ मैनेजमेंट की तरफ से सर्वसम्मति से माननीय अध्यक्ष को अधिकृत किया गया, जिसमें ससमय खिलाड़ियों के कैंप का आयोजन किया जा सके।"

It goes show that the Committee to of Management has appointed Respondent No. 3 Dilip Singh, Vice President of the BCA as Chairman and Shankar Deo Choudhary, Joint Secretary, as convenor of that Committee alongwith member Praful Chandra Verma for the Selection for the appointment of Coach, Physio, Trainer and Massager etc. for the sessions 2022 - 23 for the different teams. Annexure-3 also reflects that the Selection Committee has selected the Shivam Singh, son of Respondent No. 3 Dilip Singh as player for Ranji Trophy and also Govind Deo Choudhary son of Shankar Deo Choudhary as player who is own brother of Respondent No. 4 Priya Kumari as Priya Kumari (Respondent No. 4) is also daughter of this Shankar Deo Choudhary, for the Ranji Trophy for the sessions 2022 - 23 and send it to BCCI for monetary benefit as the players played in Ranji Trophy or any other cricket matches get monetary benefit,

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which is directly violation of Rule 42 because Respondent No. 3 & 4, respectively are in position to influence the selectors and this fact has been supported by the Respondent No. 1 and 2 also No denial has ever come forward on behalf of Respondent No. 3 & 4. Thus, the Petitioner has successfully proved the conflict of interest against Respondent Nos. 3 & 4 beyond doubt.

11. Respondent No. 5 has filed his Reply in which at para 4, he has admitted that from Rule 42(1)(II) of the Constitution of BCA, it is evident that the incumbent must holds two separate or distinct posts or positions under the BCA. He has admitted that Respondent is only holding a post in the Committee of Management of BCA. It is true that the petitioner was appointed as selector but he has already resigned as a selector after his name was recommended by the Indian Cricket Association. Rule 42(4) of the Constitution has tabulated the posts out of which two posts could not be hold by the individual. From the admission of Respondent No. 5, the case of Petitioner is proved and the contention of Respondent No. 5 in respect of not maintainability of the case does not arise. It is established from his admission that this Respondent No. 5 is also holding two posts initially which is against Rule 42(II) of the Constitution of BCA. He has

also direct or indirect affairs of the BCA by holding two



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posts and it proved the conflict of interest by him also. From his admission also the case of Petitioner is fully proved beyond reasonable doubt.

- 12. The similar is the case of Respondent No. 6. She has not denied the allegation as alleged by the Petitioner either by presenting herself or through counsel and/or through website and so it goes against her.
- 13. Thus, from the discussion made above it is clear that the Respondent Nos. 3 & 4 with the help of Respondent Nos. 5 & 6, jointly or separately got their son and brother selected in the team of Ranji Trophy for the Sessions 2022 – 23 of BCA and by their above act the selected team got emoluments and thus financial benefit to them and it directly prove their conflict of Interest of respondents no. 3 to 6. From the above discussions, it also goes to show that the case is fully maintainable and proved beyond doubt.
- 14. Accordingly, the determination point no. 1 and 2 are decided in positive and in favour of Petitioner.



It, is, therefore,

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Respondent No. 3, **Dilip Singh**, son of Late Ramashankar Singh, Respondent No. 4 **Priya Kumar**, daughter of Shri Shankar Deo Choudhary by hatching

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conspiracy with Respondent No. 5 Vikash Kumar, son of Sri Sushil Mishra and Respondent No. 6 Lovely Raj, Daughter of Sri Laxmi Patel got selected Shivam Singh, the son of Respondent No. 3 and Govind Deo Choudhary, the brother of Respondent No. 4 in the Ranji Trophy for the Sessions 2022 - 23 and Respondent No. 5 and 6 have fully cooperated under their influence because they are Office bearers of Bihar Cricket Association, able to influence them for their illegal benefit and harm to BCA and cricket activities in Bihar and as such the Respondent Nos. 3 to 6 are found and hold guilty of conflict of interest. Accordingly, I direct that Respondent Nos. 3 to 6 be removed from their posts of Vice President, Joint Secretary, Male representative of Bihar Cricket Association and female representative of Bihar Cricket Association, respectively by the ICA and they are also restrained and debarred from taking their involvement with the day-to-day affairs functioning and participate in the meeting of Committee of Management, Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting or any activities of Bihar Cricket Association for a period of five years. Further Respondent No. 2, the elected Secretary of BCA is directed to take all initiative to get the nomination of accountant general nominee for Bihar Cricket Association as per Rule 17(2)(C) of Constitution of BCA.

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Accordingly the case is disposed off and the file be consigned in the office of Secretary, Bihar Cricket Association.

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SHRI PARAS NATH RAI, (RETD. SESSIONS JUDGE) OMBUDSMAN AND ETHICS OFFICER, BIHAR CRICKET ASSOCIATION

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Dictated and Correct by me :

Dated : 23.06.2023.

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