

IN THE OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN-CUM-ETHICS OFFICER, PCA, SAS  
NAGAR (MOHALI)

Complaint No. 3 of 2021.  
Decided on 19.5.2022.

Amrit Pal son of Sh. Surjit Singh, House No. 149 A, Mallan Wala Road,  
near M.D.School, Bhagat Singh Colony, Ferozepur City.

..... Complainant

Versus

i) Firozpur District Cricket Association, having its Head Office at 8<sup>th</sup>, The Mall, opposite Town Hall, Krishna Marg, Ferozpur City-152002 through its Honorary Secretary.


ii) Sh.B.K.Mehta son of Dr.H.C.Mehta, Mob.8847305200, Former Honorary Secretary for Life (till 01.01.2017), Firozpur District Cricket Association having its Head Office at 8<sup>th</sup>, The Mall, Opposite Town Hall, Krishna Marg, Firozpur City-152002 and a self styled Honorary Secretary of Ferozpur District Cricket Association, 32, Kirti Nagar, Ferozpur City.

iii) Sh.Ashok Manchanda son of Sh.J.R.Manchanda, Treasurer, Firozpur District Cricket Association having its Head Office at 8<sup>th</sup>, The Mall, Opposite Town Hall, Krishna Marg, Firozpur City-152002.

2<sup>nd</sup> Address : Mohalla Dharampura, Firozpur.

iv) Inderjit Sagar, General Secretary (till 11.03.2021), Firozpur District Cricket Association having its Head Office at 8<sup>th</sup>, The Mall, Opposite Town Hall, Krishna Marg, Firozpur City-152002. Mob.9872822369.

2<sup>nd</sup> Address : # 5 Kanshi Nagri, Ferozpur City-Punjab.



v) Sh.Ankit Maini, s/o Sh. Raj Kumar Maini, Honorary General Secretary, Ferozepur District Association 32, Kirti Nagar, Ferozepur City. Email ID: [fzrdca@yahoo.com](mailto:fzrdca@yahoo.com) Mobile :8699450049.

2<sup>nd</sup> Address : Kothi No.16, Model Town, Ferozepur City, Punjab.

vi) Ferozepur District Cricket Association 32, Kirti Nagar, Feroepur City through Honorary General Secretary, Sh. Ankit Maini, Email Id:[fzrdca@yahoo.com](mailto:fzrdca@yahoo.com).

vii) Sh. Nitin Mehta s/o Dr. HC Mehta & B/o Sh. BK Mehta, Office Secretary, Ferozepur District Cricket Association, 32 Kirti Nagar, Ferozepur City.

viii) Sh.Kartikeya Swaroop s/o BK Mehta, Member Apex Council, Punjab Cricket Association(representing Ferozepur DCA) [kartikeyas.mehta@yahoo.com](mailto:kartikeyas.mehta@yahoo.com)

ix) Sh.Ravinder Pal Ohri, President, Firozpur District Cricket Association, 32, Kirti Nagar, Ferozepur City. (since deceased).

x) Sh.Ashok Paul Sharma, Vice President, Firozpur District Cricket Association, 32, Kirti Nagar, Ferozepur City.

xi) Sh.Parmod Sharma, Treasurer, Firozpur District Cricket Association, 32, Kirti Nagar, Ferozepur City.

xii) Sh.Ajit Kumar, Joint Secretary, Firozpur District Cricket Association, 32, Kirti Nagar, Ferozepur City.

...Respondents.

xiii) Chief Executive Officer, Punjab Cricket Association, IS Bindra Cricket Stadium, S.A.S.Nagar (Mohali) email ID:[ceo@cricketpunjab.in](mailto:ceo@cricketpunjab.in)



Proforma Respondents



Present: - None for the parties.

ORDER

The present complaint has been filed under sub Rule 2, 3 and 46 of the Rules and Regulations of Punjab Cricket Association (as revised upto 11.08.2019), against the respondents.

Brief facts of the complaint are that Ferozpur District Cricket Association is affiliated with Punjab Cricket Association ( hereinafter called –PCA). The respondents in their personal capacity are running two parallel District Cricket Associations for District Ferozpur using the same PAN card having same number but with different names. These two District Cricket Associations with same PAN number are No.1 Ferozpur District Cricket Association and No.2 Firozpur District Cricket Association.

The articles of association of Ferozpur District Cricket Association submitted in the office of Registrar Firms and Societies, Ferozpur on 11.05.2005 shows that founder members of Ferozpur District Cricket Association decided on 17.02.1987 to form Firozpur District Cricket Association, which would be affiliated with PCA. Firozpur District

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Cricket Association (hereinafter referred as – FDCA ) would have its Head Office at 8<sup>th</sup>, The Mall, Opposite Town Hall, Krishna Marg, Ferozpur City 152002 and it would open and maintain account in some nationalized or scheduled bank. Shri Bal Krishan Mehta has been taken as Honorary Secretary for his life. This Resolution was adopted by founder life members on 17.02.1987 bearing signatures of Shri R.M.Maini, as President, Bal Krishan Mehta, Honorary Secretary and Ashok Manchanda as Treasurer. This adoption note was stamped with the seal and signatures of Honorary Secretary of Ferozpur District Cricket Association. FDCA, is though claimed to be Ferozpur District Cricket Association, but, the articles of association drawn and submitted in the office of Registrar Firms and Societies is of Ferozpur District Cricket Association. A layman can term this deliberate act as a mere spelling mistake but the fact that there are two PAN cards with same number but with different names of the Associations, indicate that all this has been done just to throw dust in the eyes of the authorities. In this regard, the record of Income Tax Department shows that the PAN card is of Ferozpur District Cricket Association, but offence of apparent forgery has been committed and the said PAN card is also being used by Ferozpur District Cricket Association,



as is apparent from the down load information from the Web-site of the Income Tax Department. The aforesaid articles of association were submitted for registration to the office of Registrar, Firms and Societies, Punjab along with affidavit dated 11.05.2005 sworn by R.M.Maini, the then President along with Resolution dated 8.5.2005 drawn on a plain paper. However, in the set of documents, which form part of the records in the office of Registrar, Firms and Societies, Punjab another Resolution passed on 12.06.2005 is available authorizing Shri R.M.Maini to get the Firozpur District Cricket Association (FDCA) registered. This shows that affidavit and other documents had been prepared well in advance before even passing of the Resolution dated 12.06.2005 duly signed by Mr.Inderjit Saggar as Treasurer whereas Mr. Ashok Manchanda was Treasurer on 12.06.2005 as per record. In case, the resolution dated 12.06.2005 is taken to be correct then prior thereto for the period from 17.02.1987 till 12.06.2005, the Firozpur District Cricket Association was an unregistered body because Shri R.M.Maini was authorized to get Firozpur District Cricket Association registered vide resolution dated 12.06.2005. The resolution dated 12.06.2005 had been passed on a letter head of Firozpur District Cricket Association. However, the articles of association are of



Ferozepur District Cricket Association. Ferozepur District Cricket Association was issued registration certificate bearing endorsement No.FZR.1852 of 2005 on 26.07.2005. Documents were submitted in the office of Additional Registrar, District Industries Centre, Ferozepur intimating about the General House meeting of the Ferozepur District Cricket Association held on 11.12.2016 and 01.01.2017. In the meeting dated 11.12.2016 Shri Bal Krishan Mehta, honorary secretary certified that decision has been taken by Ferozepur District Cricket Association to open saving bank account with UCo Bank and Shri Nitin Mehta was authorized to operate the bank account. On 1.1.2017 Shri Bal Krishan Mehta resigned as honorary secretary of Ferozepur District Cricket Association, but no copy of resignation of Shri Bal Krishan Mehta is available in the record of office of Additional Registrar, Firms and Societies, Ferozepur. As per memorandum of articles (hereinafter called -MOA), 15 days notice is required to convene General body meeting but resignation of Shri Bal Krishan Mehta submitted in January 2017, was accepted on 1.1.2017. Moreover, 75% of members were either present or represented through proxy, has not been recorded. It is clear that records regarding resignation of Shri B.K.Mehta, submitted in the office of Additional Registrar, Firms and Societies, Ferozepur seems



to have been tampered with. Thereafter, certain minutes of meeting held by Ferozpur District Cricket Association have been submitted in the office of Competent authority, which is altogether a different entity than Firozpur District Cricket Association. All the documents have been drawn in the name of Ferozpur District Cricket Association having its address as 32, Kirti Nagar, Ferozpur City for the period from 2006 onwards whereas in the year 2005 (26.07.2005), it is Firozpur District Cricket Association which was granted registration certificate. Notice dated 15.10.2019 was issued by the office of Additional Registrar, General Manager, District Industrial Centre, Ferozpur to FDCA with address 32, Kirti Nagar, Ferozpur City. In the said notice, it was observed that there were certain discrepancies in the records. On 15.10.2019, a list of members was submitted, being in default for the last about 15 years, list of Managing Body of FDCA from 2006 onwards and the remaining lists from 2006 to 2018 are blank. Whereas Shri Bal Krishan Mehta resigned as honorary secretary only on 1.1.2017. To the aforesaid show cause notice, Shri Nitin Mehta, office Secretary of Ferozpur District Cricket Association with its address No.32, Kirti Nagar, Ferozpur City got registered body Firozpur District Cricket Association with its address -8, The Mall, opposite Town



Hall, Krishna Marg, Ferozepur City. All this shows that Ferozepur District Cricket Association is a fictitious body, however, affiliated with PCA and it is apparent that a wrong entity has been withdrawing the benefits whereas in recent communication on 25.05.2021 to PCA, FDCA has represented themselves as Firozpur District Cricket Association, with new MOA and new PAN Card has been submitted. A perusal of the balance sheet of the Ferozepur District Association shows that the financial aid being disbursed by PCA, is being availed of by an unregistered body and the amount is being disbursed in favour of fictitious body. The complainant, therefore, submitted that both Ferozepur District Cricket Association, and Firozpur District Cricket Association, should be called upon to explain their existence and the extent of benefits they have availed from the PCA. Their complete record including bank account details and registered association of articles of both these associations, which they have submitted for getting PAN Card should be looked into. The complainant has submitted that the respondents be completely barred for life from involvement with the game of cricket, affiliation of Ferozepur District Cricket Association (unregistered body) with PCA, be





cancelled. Another suitable monetary as well as other penalties may be imposed on the aforesaid persons i.e. respondents.

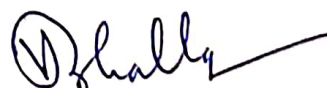
Notice was given to the respondents. Shri B.K.Mehta, respondent No.2 appeared on behalf of himself as well as on behalf of respondents No.7 to 12 and the complainant got recorded his statement dated 17.09.2021 that he gives up respondents No.3, 4, 5 and 7 and the same was allowed. So, the services of respondents No.2, 3, 4, 5 and 7 to 12 and 13 was completed.

Respondent No.1 is Firozpur District Cricket Association, with the address 8<sup>th</sup> The Mall, opposite Town Hall, Krishna Marg, Firozpur City 152002 and the address of Shri B.K. Mehta is also the same. He being honorary secretary of Firozpur District Cricket Association, i.e. respondent No.2 himself has appeared but he is intentionally evading to appear on behalf of respondent No.1, which shows that the respondents want to delay in the disposal of this complaint. Shri B.K.Mehta has already appeared on behalf of respondents No.7,9 to 12, and their addresses have been shown as 32, Kirti Nagar, Ferozpur City being office bearers of Firozpur District Cricket Association whereas Shri Nitin Mehta respondent



No.6, who is real brother of Shri B.K.Mehta and is the office bearer of Ferozpur District Cricket Association, also has the same address i.e. House No.32 Kirti Nagar, Ferozpur City whereas respondents No.7 and 9 to 12 have the same address of Firozpur District Cricket Association, as office bearers of the same Association but respondent No.6 had been intentionally evading service. However, he has full knowledge of the pendency of this case. So, I hold that respondents No.1 and 6, are getting full knowledge of the pendency and proceedings of this case through other respondents i.e. respondent No.2 and 7 to 12. As such I hold that the presence of these respondents is not necessary for the disposal of this case as they intentionally with mala fide in their mind, have been evading service.

The counsel for the complainant suffered a statement on 17.09.2021 that he gives up respondents No.3, 4, 5 and 7 unconditionally and his statement was accepted but later on he filed application that he be allowed to withdraw his statement dated 17.09.2021. As the respondents wanted to delay the disposal of this case, it appears that the complainant under pressure or some allurements, has suffered his statement dated 17.09.2021 regarding giving up respondents No.3,4,5 and 7



unconditionally. His application was allowed but again these respondents 3,4,5 and 7 did not turn up. Moreover, they have the same address which is of respondent No.2 and summons have been issued through both the addresses i.e. address No.8<sup>th</sup>, The Mall, opposite Town Hall, Krishna Marg, Ferozepur City and No.32, Kirti Nagar, Ferozepur City. All these tactics are being adopted by the respondents to delay the proceedings as well as disposal of this case. Moreover, these respondents No.3,4,5 and 7 have the same address as of the other respondents and they have full knowledge about the pendency as well as proceedings of this case but they have been willfully delaying the disposal of this case by not appearing in this case. Shri B.K.Mehta is already appearing on behalf of respondent No.7.

Some of the respondents firstly evaded service and did not appear intentionally in this case secondly by adopting these tactics, the appearing respondents also did not file written reply to the complaint despite the fact that respondent No.2 and 7 to 12 have been appearing and watching the proceedings of this case since long. They cannot take advantage of the fact that the service of other respondents is not complete, so they cannot file written reply. Ultimately complainant was



forced to file application dated 19.10.2021 with the submission that despite due opportunities to the already served and appearing respondents, they have failed to file reply to the complaint as they intend to deliberately delay the process of adjudication of the main complaint, so, the complainant through this application requested that some retired Hon'ble Judge, of the Punjab and Haryana may be appointed as Inquiry Officer to look into the affairs of the respondents and submit a fact finding report before this Forum so that this case could be decided. Reply to this application was filed by the appearing respondents and after hearing both the parties this Forum passed a detailed order dated 26.10.2021, that Inquiry Officer be appointed, who should inquire about the status of both these Cricket associations i.e. Ferozpur District Cricket Association, and Firozpur District Cricket Association, both with abbreviation FDCA and to submit his report so that this Forum could reach at right conclusion of the matter in dispute.

On the basis of this order Justice Dr. Bharat Bhushan Parsoon, retired Judge, of Punjab and Haryana High Court, Chandigarh was appointed as Inquiry Officer, who conducted inquiry into this case and submitted his report dated 19.12.2021.



In this inquiry report, Justice Dr. Bharat Bhushan Parsoo also submitted that the respondents did not fully cooperate with him in the inquiry proceedings. Firstly, they evaded service, however, when they appeared, they were directed to produce their record pertaining to this case, but, despite so many opportunities, the respondents did not produce the record and the respondents as well as their counsel Mr. Mandeep Kaushik, Advocate simply sought some more time on every date of hearing and the Inquiry Officer ultimately passed the order that this approach of the respondents has been to delay and dilate the inquiry without showing any responsible conduct and he ultimately passed an order that there was no justification for giving any further time to the respondents for production of record whereas the entire record pertaining to the FDCA, Ferozepur has been produced by the PCA. He completed the inquiry and has given his findings vide order dated 19.12.2021. In his findings dated 19.12.2021 Justice Dr. Bharat Bhushan Parsoo held that Ferozepur District Cricket Association, is an unregistered body. There is also no record of affiliation of this body with the PCA but on the Website of PCA, it has been shown as affiliated to PCA but no address of Ferozepur District Cricket Association, has been put on the website of PCA. Further,



the CEO of PCA while submitting documents in this case before this Forum has categorically stated that there is no record with the PCA regarding affiliation of both of these District Cricket Associations i.e. Ferozpur District Cricket Association and Firozpur District Cricket Association. However, the record of PCA fully proves that Firozpur District Cricket Association is not affiliated with the PCA. He further held that no doubt Firozpur District Cricket Association is a registered society, its date of incorporation is 17.02.1987 but it was registered on 26.07.2005 i.e. after 18 years. Further both these associations i.e. Firozpur District Cricket Association and Ferozpur District Cricket Association have been playing hide and seek with the authorities i.e. Registrar, Firms and Societies, Punjab as well as PCA. The Firozpur District Cricket Association has applied for registration to the Additional Registrar, Firms and Societies, Ferozpur but with this application they submitted articles of association of Ferozpur District Cricket Association. Further both these associations have been using PAN Card with same No.AAAAF4329G of Income Tax Department for both these associations i.e. Firozpur District Cricket Association and Ferozpur District Cricket Association. Not only this, they did not give complete address of Firozpur District Cricket Association to



the Additional Registrar, Firms and Societies, Ferozepur while getting registration of Ferozepur District Cricket Association but simply gave its address as Ferozepur District Cricket Association, Ferozepur, as is evident from the certificate dated 26.7.2005 issued by the Additional Registrar, Firms and Societies, Ferozepur.

In order to conceal all these mis-deeds, the respondents have used abbreviation "FDCA" to create confusion between Ferozepur District Cricket Association and Ferozepur District Cricket Association. The Inquiry Officer, Justice Dr.B.B.Parsoon has further held that as per FDCA (which may be Ferozepur District Cricket Association or Ferozepur District Cricket Association), Shri B.K.Mehta, respondent No.2 allegedly submitted his resignation in January 2017, which was accepted on 01.01.2017. But, no resignation letter of Shri B.K.Mehta is on record of FDCA nor any proper procedure as well as decorum of the meeting was adopted by the FDCA, to accept his resignation. As per Articles of Association of the FDCA, atleast 15 days notice is required for such meeting and atleast 75% of the total members required to be present either in person or through proxy in that meeting convened to accept the resignation of Shri B.K.Mehta. But these provisions have not been



followed. Nor there is any resignation letter of Shri B.K.Mehta on record of PCA or Registrar of Firms and Societies, Ferozepur nor Ferozpur District Cricket Association, Ferozepur has produced this document. Nor there is any document on record of FDCA showing change of address of Ferozpur District Cricket Association from 8<sup>th</sup>, The Mall, Opposite Town Hall, Krishna Marg, Ferozpur City to No.32, Kirti Nagar, Ferozepur City.

The Inquiry Officer, Justice Dr.B.B.Parsoon, has further pointed out that there was Resolution dated 12.06.2005 of FDCA, which bears signatures of Inderjit Saggur, as Treasurer whereas on this date Mr. Ashok Manchanda was the Treasurer. All this shows that abbreviation FDCA is being used to create confusion between Ferozepur District Cricket Association and Ferozpur District Cricket Association. The Inquiry Officer submitted his report dated 19.12.2021, which is on record.

It may be mentioned here that earlier this complaint was dismissed as withdrawn on the statement of the counsel for the complainant Shri Abhimanu Kalsi, Advocate vide order dated 12.02.2022. However, this complaint was restored to its original number on the application filed by the complainant vide order dated 14.05.2022.





Taking all the facts on record and the findings of the Inquiry Officer, I exercise my powers under the Rules and Regulations of the PCA and hold that it is a fit case to be decided on the basis of pleadings and records available on the file as the matter in dispute is very serious.

The entire record necessary for the disposal of this case has already been produced by the complainant and CEO, available with the PCA pertaining to this case. As discussed above, the respondents did not cooperate with this Forum nor cooperated with the Inquiry Officer. The record available on the file is sufficient to adjudicate upon the subject matter in dispute and I proceed accordingly.

From the record, it stands fully proved that the respondents have created two District Cricket Associations i.e. Ferozepur District Cricket Association and Firozpur District Cricket Association, just to create confusion by using the abbreviation FDCA for both these Cricket Associations, they have been using the same PAN Card bearing No.AAAAF4329G for both these Cricket Associations at their convenience to throw dust in the eyes of the authorities, banking institutions as well as the Income Tax Department, etc. Shri B.K.Mehta

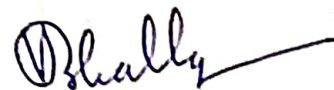


respondent No.2 (though as per record of FDCA, Firozpur had resigned as Honorary Secretary i.e. respondent No.2 in the year 2017. His resignation had been accepted on 01.01.2017. As such, he had been no more Honorary Secretary of Firozpur Cricket Association since 01.01.2017), filed application dated 04.05.2021 to the Income Tax Department requesting for change of PAN card, which further proves that prior to the filing of this application dated 04.05.2021, both the associations have been using the same PAN card No.AAAAF4329G. Both the aforesaid associations i.e. Firozpur Cricket Association and Ferozpur Cricket Association had continued cheating authorities including banking agencies, Income Tax Department, etc. Even thereafter no order of the Income Tax Department has been produced on record by the FDCA, as to which District Association is valid i.e. Firozpur District Cricket Association and Ferozpur District Cricket Association, as to which association, the Income Tax Department has approved the aforesaid PAN card. Ferozpur District Cricket Association is not a registered society under the Registrar of Firms and Societies, any where in Punjab. So unregistered society cannot be given any affiliation by the PCA. Whereas it is admitted case of PCA that no doubt, Firozpur District Cricket



Association, is a registered society but it is not affiliated with the PCA. So, neither of these District Cricket Association i.e. Ferozpur District Cricket Association and Ferozpur District Cricket Association is entitled to get any amount in the form of aid, grant, reimbursement, etc. from the PCA whereas the record of PCA produced by the CEO fully proves that huge amount has been got disbursed from PCA by both these District Cricket Associations under the confusion of abbreviation FDCA used for both these associations by the respondents. Some where address of FDCA is given 8<sup>th</sup>, The Mall, Opposite Town Hall, Krishna Marg, Ferozpur City 152002 and some where its address is given as 32, Kirti Nagar, Ferozpur City. No intimation was ever given to the PCA by the FDCA, regarding the change of address as also held by Justice Dr.B.B.Parsoon, Enquiry Officer, in his report dated 19.12.2021.

There is also hanky-panky on the part of the respondents, which has been pointed out by Additional Registrar, Firms and Societies, Ferozpur that application was sent by the FDCA, Ferozpur for registration of Ferozpur Cricket Association, Ferozpur without complete address but the Articles of Association of Ferozpur District Cricket Association was sent to the Additional Registrar. Registration certificate



No.1852 of 2015 has been issued to Ferozpur District Cricket Association with its address simple Ferozpur City only. It is also very doubtful because the date of incorporation of Ferozpur Cricket Association is 17.02.1987 but it was got registered on 26.07.2005 after 18 years. Apart from this, to create confusion and exploit the Government authorities, PCA, Income Tax Department, etc both these associations i.e. Ferozpur District Cricket Association and Ferozpur District Cricket Association have been using the same PAN CARD bearing No.AAAAF4329G. There is every possibility that the respondents might have forged the PAN card allegedly issued by the Income Tax Department.

All the facts as emerged out from the record of the PCA as well as from the documents produced by the complainant and the CEO, which have been discussed above, there is no escape from the conclusion that both these associations i.e. Ferozpur District Cricket Association and Ferozpur District Cricket Association, are being used by the respondents just to create confusion by using abbreviation FDCA, Ferozpur. Both these associations were/are not entitled to affiliation because Ferozpur District Cricket Association, is an unregistered society



and as such it cannot get affiliation with PCA and the affiliation, if any, given by the PCA to this unregistered association, is hereby cancelled.

Whereas it is admitted fact of the PCA that Ferozpur District Cricket Association, has never applied for nor has been given any affiliation by the PCA. Therefore, both these associations i.e. Ferozpur District Cricket Association and Ferozpur District Cricket Association, were not entitled to get any amount from PCA in the form of aid, grant, reimbursement etc from the PCA. Whereas, huge amount has been disbursed by the PCA to both these associations illegally and against the Rules and Regulations of the PCA. Therefore, I have no option but to observe finally that in view of what has been discussed above and also considering the record of the PCA and the other facts on file, the present conflict is liable to be declared as intractable and I order accordingly. While exercising powers under Rule 46 of the Rules and Regulations of the PCA as all the respondents (except Shri R.P.Ohri, who has met his edge of doom) have exercised their powers as office bearers of FDCA and got the funds to both the aforesaid associations, illegally and against the Rules, are debarred from participating in the affairs of Punjab Cricket Association, in any manner.



Before I part with this order of mine, it is made clear that the CEO would be at liberty to pass appropriate order to recover the amounts which were released to Ferozepur District Cricket Association, Firozpur District Cricket Association under the abbreviation FDCA, in accordance with the Rules and Regulations.

May 19, 2022



(JUSTICE H.S.BHALLA)

(FORMER JUDGE)

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