

**OFFICE OF THE ELECTORAL OFFICER, BOARD OF CONTROL FOR CRICKET
IN INDIA (BCCI)****ICA GENERAL ELECTION 2022 – 27 OCTOBER 2022 TO 29 OCTOBER 2022****SUMMARY OF FINDINGS IN RESPECT OF OBJECTIONS FILED**

The following is the summary of findings of the Electoral Officer in respect of objections filed against the candidature of individuals included in the Draft List of Nominated Candidates.

Date: 17 October 2022

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S. No	Candidate Name and Post Contested	Orders
1.	Mr. Pragyant Ojha – ICA Representative Nominee to IPL Governing Council	<p>1. Mr. Vijay Mohan Raj, Mr. Vishwanath Vaman Kumar, Mr. M. Santhosh Kumar, Mr. V Krishnaswamy and Mr. Surendra Vithal Nayak Filed Objections to Mr. Pragyant Ojha's candidature. Mr. Vishwanath Vaman Kumar, Mr. M Santhosh Kumar and Mr. V Krishnaswamy subsequently withdrew their respective Objections.</p> <p>2. Mr. Surendra Nayak did not cite a specific ground for Objection. Mr. Vijay Mohan Raj claimed that sufficient time had been provided to submit Nomination Forms and Mr. Ojha had failed to submit his Nomination Form within the prescribed deadline.</p> <p>3. A total of three (3) Representations were received from Mr. K Jayaram, Ms. P Ruth Surekha and Mr. Ojha respectively, seeking their inclusion in the Draft List of Nominated Candidates despite having failed to submit their Nomination Forms in time. The delay on the part of Mr. Jayaraman and Ms. Surekha was condoned following investigation and verification of technical issues cited by them as the cause of delay and their names were included in the Draft List of Nominated Candidates via the First Addendum.</p> <p>4. Mr. Ojha Represented that he had been unwell for several days prior and after initial check-ups and medication, he wasn't able recover. Mr. Ojha further represented that he subsequently tested positive for</p>

		<p>Covid-19 and as a consequence of the resultant isolation and immobilization, he was unable to have his Nomination Form notarized in time and submit the same within the prescribed deadline. Mr. Ojha furnished a copy of an RTPCR report from a lab which indicated that he tested positive for Covid-19.</p> <p>5. In light of the well Documented deleterious symptoms and effects of Covid-19 and the Isolation Protocols required to be followed, it would have been difficult for Mr. Ojha to undertake the necessary travel and interactions to have the Nomination Form notarized in particular.</p> <p>6. Taking into account the above circumstances, Mr. Ojha's Representation was considered and the delay in filing Mr. Ojha's nomination was condoned on humanitarian grounds. Accordingly, Mr. Ojha's name was included in the Draft List of Nominated Candidates via the Second Addendum.</p> <p>7. In light of the above clarifications regarding the circumstances of accepting Mr. Ojha's Nomination, The Objections Filed in this regard stand Rejected.</p>
2.	Mr. Prasanna Kumar – Male ICA Representative Nominee to the Apex Body of the Andhra Cricket Association	<p>1. Mr. Oscar Vinodh has Filed an Objection regarding the candidature of Mr. Prasanna Kumar for the Post of Male ICA Representative Nominee to the Apex Body of the Andhra Cricket Association (ACA), on the grounds of 'conflict of interest'.</p> <p>2. The Objection primarily claimed that Mr. Kumar holds a prominent role, i.e., that of Treasurer in the Veteran Cricketers' Association of Hyderabad (VCAH) and that in holding such post which entails the promotion of cricket in Telangana, he would be in 'conflict of interest' if he were to be elected to the Post of Male ICA Representative Nominee to the Apex Body of the ACA.</p> <p>3. The Objector referred to observations made by Justice (Retd.) RM Lodha Report on Reforms in Cricket in support of his Objection. However, the</p>

		<p>Objector did not produce any provision in the ACA Constitution or BCCI rules that would indicate Mr. Kumar is in breach of the same.</p> <p>4. Mr. Kumar when provided with an opportunity to respond to the Objection, stated that he had resigned from his position as Honorary Treasurer and Executive Member of VCAH on September 20, 2022, and the same had been accepted by VCAH effective from September 23, 2022. Mr. Kumar presented documentation in support of his assertion.</p> <p>5. Based on the above factual information, Mr. Kumar no longer holds the position of Treasurer, VCAH. Therefore, the basis upon which the Objection has been premised, is no longer valid. Accordingly, it is found that the Objector has not <i>prima facie</i> proven that Mr. Kumar's candidature should be disqualified.</p> <p>6. On verification, it was also found that in the event that Mr. Kumar is elected as the ICA Male Representative Nominee to the Apex Body of the ACA, the Objector may approach the Ethics Officer, ACA for appropriate relief.</p> <p>7. Taking into account the Facts stated above, the Objection Filed stands Rejected.</p>
<p>3.</p>	<p>Ms. Vanka Roma Singh – Female ICA Representative Nominee to the Apex Body of the Hyderabad Cricket Association</p>	<p>1. Ms. Manjula Kishor and Mr. Pavan Kumar, have Filed separate Objections regarding the candidature of Ms. Singh for the Post of Female ICA Representative Nominee to the Apex Body of the Hyderabad Cricket Association (HCA), on the grounds of 'conflict of interest'.</p> <p>2. The Objections primarily claimed that in the event Ms. Singh were to be elected to the Post of Female ICA Representative Nominee to the Apex Body of the HCA, Ms. Singh would be under a conflict of interest on account of the fact that (i) her husband Mr. Vanka Pratap holds positions of significance within the HCA; and (ii) her daughter Ms. Pooja Vanka is</p>

		<p>playing as a member of the Hyderabad Senior Women's Cricket team.</p> <p>Ms. Kishor further claimed that the occupance of such positions by Ms. Singh's relatives could play a 'major role' in the decision making of voters.</p> <p>3. Mr. Kumar made reference to the Justice (Retd.) RM Lodha Report on Reforms in Cricket in support of his Objection. However, neither Mr. Kumar nor Ms. Kishor produced any provision in the HCA Constitution or BCCI rules that would indicate Ms. Singh is in breach of the same.</p> <p>4. Ms. Singh was provided with an opportunity to respond to the Objections. Ms. Singh refuted the grounds of Objections and asserted that neither the positions held by her husband nor her daughter playing cricket as part of the Hyderabad Senior Women's Team, presented a conflict of interest which ought to disqualify her candidature for the post of ICA Female Representative Nominee to the HCA.</p> <p>5. On examination of the Objections raised and response provided by Ms. Singh, it is found that the Objectors have not <i>prima facie</i> been able to prove that Ms. Singh's candidature should be disqualified under the HCA Constitution, the Rules and Regulations of the BCCI or the Rules and Regulations of the ICA.</p> <p>6. On verification, it was found that in the event that Ms. Singh is elected as the ICA Female Representative Nominee to the Apex Body of the HCA, the Objectors may approach the Ethics Officer, HCA for appropriate relief.</p> <p>7. Taking into account the Facts stated above, the Objection Filed stands Rejected.</p>
4.	Mr. Atul Pramod Gaikwad – Male ICA Representative Nominee to the Apex	1. Mr. Ranjit Dilip Khirid has Filed an Objection regarding the candidature of Mr. Atul Gaikwad for the Post of Male ICA Representative Nominee to the Apex Body of the Maharashtra Cricket Association.

	Body of the Maharashtra Cricket Association	<p>2. At Mr. Gaikwad's request, he has been provided time till Monday, 17 October 2022 to submit certain documentation as part of His Response.</p> <p>3. The Objection regarding Mr. Gaikwad will be Decided and Disposed on the Evening of Monday, 17 October 2022 after due verification.</p>
5.	Ms. Surekha Ruth Paul – Female ICA Representative to the Apex Body of the Hyderabad Cricket Association	<p>1. Five (5) Objections have been Filed regarding the candidature of Ms. Surekha Ruth Paul for the Post of Female ICA Representative Nominee to the Apex Body of the Hyderabad Cricket Association.</p> <p>2. At Ms. Paul's request, she has been provided time till Monday, 17 October 2022 to submit certain documentation as part of Her Response.</p> <p>3. The Objection regarding Ms. Paul will be Decided and Disposed on the Evening of Monday, 17 October 2022 after due verification.</p>