

MAHARASHTRA CRICKET ASSOCIATION

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FROM THE OFFICE OF ELECTORAL OFFICER

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Date: 26/12/2022

SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

<u>Sub:</u> Notice to explain as to why your voting rights for MCA elections 2022-2025 should not be suspended for using political pressure to influence the Electoral Officer (EO).

Sir,

This show cause notice is served upon the below mentioned senior member of the MCA, as below,

- 1.1. For bringing clarity and transparency in MCA elections, I personally convened a meeting of all the MCA members on 20/12/2022 at 5 pm in Pune.
- 1.2. I explained the following during the meeting:
 - i) MCA letter dated 15/12/22 requesting me I.e. EO to conduct the elections early since compliance in terms of the orders of Hon'ble SC to the amended Constitution (SGM 10/11/22) had been done (refer e-mail of Adv Dr Neela Gokhale dated 14/12/22) and
 - ii) SC orders dated 14/9/22 relating to cooling off period/cumulative period/disqualification etc.
 - iii) sequence & process of polling, counting etc.
- 2. I cleared the doubts raised by the members. Several MCA members thereafter gave suggestions for making the elections more better & pure. However, you alongwith some others raised the following main objections & gave some of them in writing also:

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- Since approvals of Charity Commissioner & Hon'ble SC to the amended constitution have not been received, elections should not be held.
- ii) Disputes regarding Elections held in 2019 are still pending. In fact approval to the Constitution, the basis for 2019 elections, is still awaited from Charity Commissioner.
- iii) No election should be conducted till the final disposal of the Writ Petition filed in High Court by the Jalgaon Cricket Association (WP 8294/2022), where there is oral stay.
- iv) CoA has written to MCA that the MCA elections held in 2019 are illegal.
- Important documents have neither been shared with MCA members nor are uploaded on the website of MCA.
- After considering all the facts & legal provisions, I declared the election program on 21/12/2022.
- 4. The election program was immediately uploaded on the website of MCA alongwith the minutes of above meeting dated 20/12/22, and other important documents including amended Constitution, SC judgment of 14/9/22, acknowledgement of Charity Commissioner, email of MCA Supreme Court counsel Adv Dr Neela Gokhale etc.
- 5. On 23/12/2022, a senior political leader, an ex-minister of Maharashtra, called on my mobile as well as messaged me on what's app. After referring to you by name, your objections to MCA election & forwarding your written complaint, he asked me to consider your request and immediately stop the election process.
- 6. From para 5, it is clear that you approached the concerned political leader with an intention to influence the Electoral Officer. Bringing political pressure and trying to influence the Electoral Officer is against the principles for conducting free, fair & transparent elections. Such a conduct cannot be accepted from a senior member of the MCA, especially when appropriate forums of Hon'ble Judiciary were available to you.

755hat 26/142L 7. You are therefore given a show cause notice as to why your voting right during MCA election 2022-25 should not be suspended, in the interest of free and fair elections. You should submit your explanation in writing to the undersigned by 11:00 am on 30th December 2022.

Kindly note that, If your explanation is not found satisfactory by the EO, your voting rights for the MCA elections 2022-2025 will be suspended.

J. S. Saharia (IAS Retd),

Ex State Election Commissioner, Maharashtra and Electoral Officer, MCA.

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