

**BEFORE THE ELECTORAL OFFICER
MAHARSHTRA CRICKET ASSOCIATION
(2026-2029)**

Order on Objection dated 3rd January 2026 filed by Mr. Sudhir Sinhasane, Mr. Jayant Tikekar, Mr. Sanjeev Shalgavkar and Mr. Anil Job

Parties and Description

1. The present objection is filed by Mr. Sudhir Sinhasane, Mr. Jayant Tikekar, Mr. Sanjeev Shalgavkar and Mr. Anil Job, who are allegedly members of the Sangli District Cricket Association (“SDCA”), which is a Full Member of the Maharashtra Cricket Association (MCA) in the category of District Cricket Associations, as recognised under the Memorandum of Association and Rules and Regulations of MCA (MoA).

Election Schedule and Limitation to raise Objection

2. Under the election schedule and election procedure notified by the undersigned, any objections to the nominations list were scheduled to be filed before 02:00 PM on 3rd January 2026. The present objection has been received within the timeline mentioned in the schedule.
3. This order, therefore, deals with the objection on the substantive grounds raised.

Scope of Objection and Grounds Urged

4. Broadly, the Objector has *inter alia* raised the following grounds:
 - a. As per the order dated 17th March 2001 passed by the Assistant Charity Commissioner, eleven persons as mentioned in the order have been entrusted with the daily administration of the trust which do not include the candidate.
 - b. The Hon’ble Assistant Charity Commissioner, Sangli, has expressly directed that all decisions must be taken by a majority of the appointed committee members. The objectors contend that no meeting of the appointed committee members was convened to nominate Mr. Nilesh Shah, despite a clear order that decisions must be by majority. The SDCA Managing Committee, by a majority of 5 out of 8 members, had instead authorised Mr. Sudhir Subhash Sinhasane as the official district representative. It is further stated that Mr. Nilesh Shah has filed his nomination without any valid meeting or resolution of the duly appointed Managing Committee of SDCA.
 - c. The objection further stated that Mr. Sudhir Sinhasane’s nomination as representative/authorization on behalf of SDCA should have been accepted and that it should not have been rejected on the basis of an email sent from the personal email ID of the SDCA Secretary, Mr. Ravindra Binniwale which revoking authorisation, without any supporting committee resolution or approval.
5. On the basis of these grounds, the Objector has prayed, *inter alia*, for:
 - a. Removal of Mr. Nilesh Shah’s name from the final list of nominations.
 - b. Addition of Mr. Sudhir Subhash Sinhasane’s name as the duly authorised representative of the Sangli District Cricket Association, in accordance with the valid majority resolution of the Managing Committee.

Record and Material Placed Before the Electoral Officer

6. Pursuant to the objection, MCA has placed before me:
 - a. That on 27th December 2025, MCA received representation in the form of 'Proforma A' from SDCA authorizing Mr. Sudhir Subhash Sinhasane to represent SDCA for the upcoming elections, signed by SDCA secretary, Mr. Ravindra Biniwale.
 - b. That on 29th December 2025, MCA received another representation in the form of 'Proforma A' from SDCA authorizing Mr. Nilesh Babanlal Shah to represent SDCA for the upcoming elections, signed by SDCA secretary, Mr. Kishor Shah.
 - c. That on 31st December 2025, the MCA received a letter from Mr. Ravindra Biniwale, stating that his erstwhile Proformas authorizing Mr. Sudhir Subhash Sinhasane were given under mental pressure and hence, should not be considered.
 - d. That after the receipt of the letter dated 31st December 2025, Mr. Nilesh Shah remained as only active claimant to the post of authorized representative of SDCA.
 - e. That thereafter Mr. Nilesh Babanlal Shah filed his nomination papers as a candidate on behalf of SDCA.
 - f. That as a consequence of the material brought on record and the relevant judicial orders, in their opinion, the candidature of Mr. Nilesh Shah is disputed and therefore, not valid.

Findings and Reasons

7. I have carefully considered the objection dated 3rd January 2026, the replies thereto, and the material placed on record by the parties. It is evident that competing and mutually inconsistent authorisations have been submitted on behalf of the SDCA, each supported by rival communications, claims of committee resolutions, and reliance on orders passed under the Maharashtra Public Trusts Act, 1950.
8. The core dispute raised by the Objectors pertains to the validity of the authorisation forming the very basis of the nomination of Mr. Nilesh Babanlal Shah. The material placed before me raises questions relating to the internal administration, governance, and statutory compliance of SDCA. Such questions necessarily involve adjudication of disputed facts which squarely fall within the jurisdiction of the competent statutory authority and not within the limited and defined scope of powers of the Electoral Officer appointed for conducting the elections of the Maharashtra Cricket Association.
9. At this stage, the role of the Electoral Officer is confined strictly to the preparation and finalisation of the list of valid nominations and to conduct the election process in accordance with the MoA.
10. In view of the foregoing and the material placed before me that the representation submitted by Mr. Nilesh Babanlal Shah is not valid, I am of the considered opinion that the nomination submitted on behalf of SDCA cannot be considered valid, as the foundational authorisation itself is disputed. Any acceptance of such nomination would amount to indirectly adjudicating issues beyond the scope of the present electoral process, which is impermissible.

11. This conclusion is further fortified by the judicial and statutory orders placed on record by the Objectors, which demonstrate that the issue of representation of SDCA is doubtful and continues to be the subject matter of regulatory oversight under the applicable law.
12. For the reasons recorded hereinabove, the objections raised by the alleged members of the SDCA against the candidature of Nilesh Shah are accepted. However, the exercise of voting rights of the SDCA through its authorized representative would be subject to its compliance with the applicable provisions of law.
13. Accordingly, the objections raised by Mr. Sudhir Sinhasane, Mr. Jayant Tikekar, Mr. Sanjeev Shalgavkar and Mr. Anil Job stand accepted herewith and the nomination filed by Mr. Nilesh Babanlal Shah is rejected.

Signed under my hand and authority, on this 3rd day of January 2026.



Ashok Lavasa
Electoral Officer
Maharashtra Cricket Association.