

**THE ELECTORAL OFFICER**  
**MAHARASHTRA CRICKET ASSOCIATION**  
**(2026-2029)**

**Order on Objection filed on 02.01.2026 by Mr. Sanjay Ratan Pardeshi**

**Parties and description:**

1. The present objection is filed by Mr. Sanjay Ratan Pardeshi, authorised representative of the Defence Accounts Recreation Club, an Affiliated Club with the Maharashtra Cricket Association (MCA) (at Sr. No. 05) as recognised under the Memorandum of Association and Rules and Regulations of MCA (MoA).
2. On scrutiny of the records placed before me, it is evident that the Objector is a duly recognised Life Member of the MCA and has locus to file an objection to the Nominations filed for the post of a Councillor.

**Election schedule and limitation to raise objections:**

1. 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 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2026. The present objection of Mr. Sanjay Ratan Pardeshi has been received in hard copy prior to the deadline on 3<sup>rd</sup> January, 2026.
2. This order, therefore, deals with the objection on the substantive grounds raised.

**Scope of Objection and Grounds Urged**

3. Broadly, the Objector has *inter alia* raised the following ground:
  - a. That the nomination of Mr. Sameer Arun Rakte has been assailed as defective on account of the fact that the above-mentioned person attracts disqualification under Clause 14(3)(d) of the MCA Constitution, as he is employed with a Municipal Corporation and therefore falls within the category of a “*Government Servant*” as contemplated under the said disqualification clause. It has been submitted that the individual may have been employed as a Deputy Engineer or at other posts previously with the Municipal Corporation.
4. On the basis of these grounds, the Objector has prayed for:
  - a. Rejection of the nomination filed by Mr. Sameer Arun Rakte.

**Record and material placed before the Electoral Officer:**

- a. The MCA Constitution i.e. its MOA and Rules and Regulations.
- b. “Conduct of Elections to the posts of Councillors and Office Bearers of the Maharashtra Cricket Association (“MCA”)” uploaded to the MCA website as Election Procedure 31.12.2025.

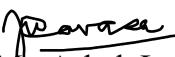
**Findings and Reasons**

- a. A perusal of the MCA Constitution and the Election Procedure dated 31.12.2025 states that as per Clause 14(3)(d) of the MCA Constitution, a person shall be disqualified from being a Councillor if he or she “*is a Minister or Government Servant*”.

- b. The relevant candidate, Sameer Rakte has stated on affidavit that he is “not a Minister or a Government Servant.”
- c. The objector has referred to certain websites alleging that the name of Sameer Rakte shows as engaged by a municipal corporation and claimed that the same falls within the scope of being a ‘government servant.’
- b. The plea raised relies upon unverifiable facts and does not place on record any authentic document to warrant the exclusion of the candidate. The contents of the objection are contrary to the affidavit filed by the candidate.

5. For the reasons recorded hereinabove, the objection is rejected.

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

  
Mr. Ashok Lavasa  
Electoral Officer  
Maharashtra Cricket Association.