

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

**ORDER DATED 3rd JANUARY 2026 ON OBJECTIONS RECEIVED FROM MR.
NIRANJAN NARHAR GODBOLE**

Details of Objector

1. The present objection is filed by Mr. Niranjan Narhar Godbole, the Secretary and Authorised Representative of the Metro Cricket Club, an Affiliated Club under the Memorandum of Association and Rules and Regulations (**MOA**) of Maharashtra Cricket Association (**MCA**). The name of the Metro Cricket Club is reflected at Sr. No. D-22 in the Final Electoral Roll.

Scope of Objection

1. The present objection pertains to the nomination papers filed by Mr. Sangram Arun Jagtap under the District Cricket Association Category (Central Zone), representing Ahmednagar District Cricket Association, which is reflected at Serial No. E-1 in the Final Electoral Roll.
2. The Objector has, by a letter dated 3 January 2026 submitted by email as well as by hand delivery, raised objections to the eligibility of Ahmednagar District Cricket Association to sponsor a candidate, and consequently to the validity of the nomination filed by Mr. Sangram Arun Jagtap.
3. In substance, the objections raised by the Objector *inter alia* allege that:
 - a. Ahmednagar District Cricket Association has not complied with the mandatory statutory requirements under the Maharashtra Public Trusts Act, 1950, including but not limited to filing and updating Schedule I and Schedule X with the office of the Charity Commissioner;
 - b. Amendments and changes to the constitution of Ahmednagar District Cricket Association have not been duly reported to or approved by the competent Charity Authority;
 - c. Regular accounts and audit reports of Ahmednagar District Cricket Association have not been filed or updated with the Charity Commissioner for several years;
 - d. No valid and approved Change Report exists after the year 1999, and the last Change Report filed for the period 2008–2011 was rejected;
 - e. The tenure of the trustees is limited to three years and, in the absence of valid compliances, there is no legally recognised Board of Trustees on record;
 - f. Ahmednagar District Cricket Association has not conducted general meetings, has not undertaken cricketing activities in the Central Zone, and has failed to comply with its obligations as a member association of MCA;
 - g. In the absence of valid statutory compliances and a legally recognised governing body, the nomination filed by Mr. Sangram Arun Jagtap is unsupported by valid and subsisting authorisation

Findings

1. With respect to Points 3(a) to (e), the objections and issues relating to compliances required to be made by District Cricket Associations before the Learned Charity Commissioner do not fall within the remit of the Electoral Officer during the conduct of elections. The MCA has further placed on record the Final Electoral Roll, which reflects Mr. Sangram Arun Jagtap as the authorised representative of the Ahmednagar District Cricket Association.
2. Further, the factual aspects pertaining to whether the Ahmednagar District Cricket Association adheres to the objectives of its constitution, undertakes activities for the growth of cricket, and conducts general meetings on a regular basis. These matters also do not fall within the scope of the election process or the jurisdiction of the Electoral Officer.
3. The factual aspects regarding the alleged absence of an approved Change Report and non-compliance with statutory provisions relating to the tenure of trustees, are likewise issues to be agitated before the appropriate statutory authority and are not matters arising under the MCA Rules and Regulations governing the conduct of elections.
4. Upon obtaining clarification from the MCA regarding the validity of the said District Cricket Association, and taking into consideration the confirmation received from the MCA with respect to the validity of the name of the representative of the Ahmednagar District Cricket Association as reflected in the Electoral Roll, and further noting that the objections raised do not disclose any violation of the MCA Rules and Regulations, the objection is liable to be rejected.

Order

5. In view of the above findings, the Objection filed by Mr. Niranjan Narhar Godbole stands rejected.

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



Ashok Lavasa

Electoral Officer
Maharashtra Cricket Association.