

**BEFORE THE FORMER ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE SRI V. ESWARAI AH  
ETHICS OFFICER AND OMBUDSMAN ADDL. CHARGE  
THE HYDERABAD CRICKET ASSOCIATION AT RGICS,  
UPPAL, HYDERABAD**

**SUO MOTO TAKEN UP CASE NO. 33 OF 2024**

**Respondents**

**1. Sunil Kumar Agarwal**

Plot No. 37, Sy. No. 267/182,  
Luxura Greens, Opp. Kendriya Vidyalaya  
School, New Bowenpally, Secunderabad,  
Hyderabad – 500 011.

**2. Khush Agarwal**

Plot No. 37, Sy. No. 267/182,  
Luxura Greens, Opp. Kendriya Vidyalaya  
School, New Bowenpally, Secunderabad,  
Hyderabad – 500 011.

**3. The Hyderabad Cricket Association**

RGICS, Uppal, Hyderabad.  
Represented by its Secretary Sri R. Devraj.

...Respondents

**PROCEEDINGS DATED 28.01.2025**

1. A Petition dated 26.12.2024 through E-Mail Id "[iyamhere@gmail.com](mailto:iyamhere@gmail.com)" was received on 27.12.2024. The Gist of the said Petition was that Mr. Sunil Kumar Agarwal, elected Councillor by the Full Members of the HCA under Rule 14 (2) A and that he being the Representative of the Full Member instead of representing the grievances of the Full Members he has been part of a Committee that was providing oversight to the League Committee, Umpires Committee and Grounds

Committee, and also has been involved in the promotion and demotion of Clubs in the HCA Leagues, and also implicated in a conflict of interest situation arising from his son being in the Zone of selection in under 23 age category to represent Hyderabad.

2.

- (i) Earlier he has filed a disclosure statement before the Ethics Officer for the clarification whether there exists a conflict of interest his son being in the Zone of selection and whether he should continue as a Representative Councilor or his son should be removed from the Zone of Selection. The said case No.9 of 2024 was disposed of on 07.06.2024 stating that Selectors are appointed by the AGM who are independent and cannot be influenced by any of the Councilor and they are governed by Laws and Bye Laws of HCA and merits and demerits are considered by ethical methods by the Selectors. With bonafide impression it was expressed that there will not be any scope to influence the Selectors by the Elected Councilor.

***“The criteria followed in the Men Selection Committee will be formed in the Annual General Meeting (AGM).***

1. ***There is a Cricket Advisory Committee.***
2. ***There are Performance Evaluation Reports which are tabled before the Cricket Advisory Committee which are prepared purely on Performance of the Player on merits.***

**3. Based on the above process/criteria the selection will be done.”**

**(ii)** Accordingly it was held that so far there is no conflict of interest in the earlier Case of No.9 of 2024 and it was held that the Cricket Advisory Committee and the Selectors have to strictly follow the guidelines of HCA, Memorandum of Association & Rules and Regulations of HCA in all Selection Process without influenced by any of the Councillors or by the Office Bearers and in accordance with law and Fairplay to protect and improve the quality and standards of the Game of Cricket.

**3.** In view of the said E-mail Petition this Office in exercise of the powers vested under Rule 39 Suo Motto taken of the case No.33 of 2024. Rule 39 (2) is extracted as follows:

**“39. (2) Any instance of Conflict of Interest may be taken cognizance of by the Ethics Officer:**

**(a) Suo Motu;**

**(b) By way of a complaint in writing to the official postal or email address; or**

**(c) On a reference by the Apex Council**