



**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION**

WRIT PETITION NO.43 OF 2026

Kedar Mahadeo Jadhav,]
R/o. Kothrud, Pune] .. Petitioner

Versus

1. The Electoral Officer,]
Maharashtra Cricket Association]
2. The Maharashtra Cricket Association, Pune]
3. Chief Executive Officer,]
Maharashtra Cricket Association, Pune]
4. State of Maharashtra] .. Respondents

ALONG WITH

WRIT PETITION NO.44 OF 2026

Latur District Cricket Association,]
Through its President – Kamlesh Thakkar]
R/o. Gujrati Galli, Latur] .. Petitioner

Versus

1. The Electoral Officer,]
Maharashtra Cricket Association]
2. The Maharashtra Cricket Association, Pune]
3. Chief Executive Officer,]
Maharashtra Cricket Association, Pune]
4. State of Maharashtra] .. Respondents

ALONG WITH

WRIT PETITION (STAMP) NO.29 OF 2026

Anant Nilkanth Mate]
Life Member of Maharashtra Cricket Association,]
R/o. Karve Nagar, Pune] .. Petitioner

Versus

1. The Maharashtra Cricket Association, Pune]
2. The President/Honorary Secretary,]
Maharashtra Cricket Association, Pune]
3. The State of Maharashtra] .. Respondents

ALONG WITH

WRIT PETITION NO.112 OF 2026

Shikshana Prasarak Mandali's]
Sir Parashurambhau College, Pune] .. Petitioner

Versus

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| 1. The Electoral Officer, |] |
| Maharashtra Cricket Association, Pune |] |
| 2. Maharashtra Cricket Association, Pune |] |
| 3. The Charity Commissioner, Pune |] |
| 4. State of Maharashtra |] .. Respondents |

Appearances in Writ Petition No.43 of 2026 and Writ Petition No.44 of 2026

- Mr. Vineet Naik, Senior Advocate, with Mr. Sukand Kulkarni, i/by Mr. Sandeep S. Salunkhe, Advocates for the Petitioner in WP/43/2026.
- Mr. Vishwajeet Sawant, Senior Advocate, with Mr. Sandeep S. Salunkhe, Advocate for the Petitioner in WP/44/2026.
- Mr. Huzefa Ahmadi, Senior Advocate, with Mr. Mustafa Doctor, Senior Advocate, Mr. Amjith M. Anandan and Mr. Dewang Mhatre, i/by Mr. Rohan D. Kaiche, Advocatea for Respondent No.1– Electoral Officer in both the Writ Petitions.
- Dr. Abhishek Manu Singhvi, Senior Advocate, with Ms. Dixita Gohil, Mr. Yash S. Vijay, Mr. Pranjal Agarwal, Ms. Shweta Surana, Mr. Jatin Patil and Mr. Shikhar Agarwal, Advocates, i/by Gohil Agarwal Law Chambers, for Respondent No.2– Maharashtra Cricket Association in both the Writ Petitions.
- Mr. Sharan Jagtiani, Senior Advocate, with Mr. Gaurav Mehta, Mr. Yash S. Vijay, Ms. Dixita Gohil, Mr. Pranjal Agarwal, Ms. Shweta Surana, Mr. Jatin Patil and Mr. Shikhar Agarwal, Advocates, i/by Gohil Agarwal Law Chambers, for Respondent No.3-CEO, Maharashtra Cricket Association in both the Writ Petitions.
- Ms. Neha S. Bhide, Government Pleader, with Ms. Kavita N. Solunke, Additional Government Pleader and Ms. G.R. Raghuvanshi, Assistant Government Pleader for Respondent No.4– State of Maharashtra.

Appearances in Writ Petition (Stamp) No.29 of 2026

- Mr. Venkatesh Dhond, Senior Advocate, with Mr. Rohan Kelkar and Mr. Sandeep S. Salunkhe, Advocates for the Petitioner.
- Dr. Abhishek Manu Singhvi, Senior Advocate, with Ms. Dixita Gohil, Mr. Yash S. Vijay, Mr. Pranjal Agarwal, Ms. Shweta

Surana, Mr. Jatin Patil and Mr. Shikhar Agarwal, Advocates, i/b. Gohil Agarwal Law Chambers, for Respondent No.1–Maharashtra Cricket Association.

- Mr. Sharan Jagtiani, Senior Advocate, with Mr. Gaurav Mehta, Mr. Yash S. Vijay, Ms. Dixita Gohil, Mr. Pranjal Agarwal, Ms. Shweta Surana, Mr. Jatin Patil and Mr. Shikhar Agarwal, Advocates, i/by Gohil Agarwal Law Chambers, for Respondent No.2-President/Secretary, Maharashtra Cricket Association.
- Ms. Neha S. Bhide, Government Pleader, with Mr. O.A. Chandurkar, Additional Government Pleader and Ms. G.R. Raghuvanshi, Assistant Government Pleader for Respondent No.3–State of Maharashtra.

Appearances in Writ Petition No.112 of 2026

- Dr. Abhinav Chandrachud, with Mr. Janay Jain, Mr. Vinayak Chitale, Ms. Srishti Magdum, Advocates, i/by Parinam Law Associates, for the Petitioner.
- Dr. Abhishek Manu Singhvi, Senior Advocate, with Ms. Dixita Gohil, Mr. Yash S. Vijay, Mr. Pranjal Agarwal, Ms. Shweta Surana, Mr. Jatin Patil and Mr. Shikhar Agarwal, Advocates, i/b. Gohil Agarwal Law Chambers, for Respondent No.2–Maharashtra Cricket Association.
- Ms. Neha S. Bhide, Government Pleader, with Mr. O.A. Chandurkar, Additional Government Pleader and Ms. G.R. Raghuvanshi, Assistant Government Pleader for Respondent No.4–State of Maharashtra.

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**CORAM : SHREE CHANDRASHEKHAR, CJ &
GAUTAM A. ANKHAD, J.**

DATE : 5th JANUARY 2026.

P.C. :

Issue notice to the respondents.

2. In the morning session, we heard Mr. Vineet Naik, Mr. Venkatesh Dhond and Mr. Vishwajeet Sawant, the learned senior counsels for the petitioners in these writ petitions. We heard Mr. Sharan Jagtiani, the learned senior counsel appearing for the

Chief Executive Officer, Maharashtra Cricket Association. We had also asked, Mr. Hezefa Ahmedi, the learned senior counsel appearing for the Electoral Officer, Maharashtra Cricket Association as regards induction of new numbers and rejection of the objection by an order dated 29th December 2025.

3. The matter was adjourned to be taken up after the recess on a request made by Ms. Dixita Gohil, the learned assisting counsel to Dr. Abhishek Manu Singhvi, the learned senior counsel appearing for the Maharashtra Cricket Association.

4. After the recess, we have heard Dr. Abhinav Chandrachud, the learned counsel. We have also briefly heard Mr. Venkatesh Dhond, the learned senior counsel.

5. We have heard Dr. Abhishek Singhvi, the learned senior counsel who has taken us through the Rules and Regulations, pleadings by the parties and some judgments.

6. After hearing the rival submissions and perusing the materials on record, we have formed an opinion that interference by this Court with the election process published on the website of the Maharashtra Cricket Association on 23rd December 2025 is necessary. Therefore, we issue a direction to the Electoral Officer represented through Mr. Huzefa Ahmedi, the learned senior counsel not to proceed with the election of the Maharashtra Cricket Association scheduled on 6th January 2026, the schedule for which was published on 23rd December 2025 in any manner whatsoever, without leave of the Court or till the next date of hearing.

7. On account of paucity of time and other administrative engagements of one of us (Chief Justice), the order shall be dictated in the Chambers and made available to the parties by 10:00 a.m. tomorrow.

8. Reply to be filed by 3rd February 2026.
9. Post these matters on 4th February 2026.

[GAUTAM A. ANKHAD, J.]

[CHIEF JUSTICE]