

HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE FOR RAJASTHAN
BENCH AT JAIPUR

S.B. Civil Writ Petition No. 10692/2026

Hashmat Alam & Ors.

-----Petitioners

Versus

Ad-Hoc Committee & Anr.

-----Respondents

For Petitioner(s)	:	Mr. Peush Nag Mr. Rajesh Maharshi Mr. Sarwat Alam
For Respondent(s)	:	Mr. Ravi Bhojak Mr. Pankaj Sharma

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUROOP SINGHI (V.J.)
Order

22/06/2026

1. The present writ petition has been filed by the petitioners with the following prayers:-

"It is, therefore, most humbly prayed that writ petition filed by the petitioner may kindly be allowed and by appropriate writ, order or direction:

a) The order/ decision/ action of the respondent of disaffiliating the 75 primary sports bodies/ club including the petitioners (which is reflected from the newspapers publication dated 19.04.2026 and 21.04.2026) may kindly be quashed and set aside.

b) Any other appropriate order or direction which the Hon'ble Court may deem fit and proper in the facts and circumstances of the case be passed in favour of the petitioner."

2. The interim prayer as sought by the petitioners is that the respondents be restrained from holding its annual body general meeting scheduled on 23.06.2026 on the ground that the said meeting is being held after excluding the petitioners and 69 other primary sports bodies/clubs (totaling to 6 + 69 = 75).

3. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the said 75 sports bodies/clubs have been excluded from the list of eligible bodies who would be participating in the above mentioned meeting only on the alleged ground that they have failed to deposit their affiliation fees, ignoring the relevant clauses of the Constitution of the Jaipur District Cricket Association (**JDCA**) which permits a member of the JDCA to deposit its dues on or before 31st July.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioners further submit that the stand of the respondents that the arrears towards subscription is not for a year, but multiple years and the arrear has to be cleared on an annual basis on or before 31st July is beyond what is mentioned in Clause 13(2)(c) of the Constitution of JDCA and all the members are very much at liberty to clear their arrears as on 31st July of any year so as to make them eligible for participating in the annual general meeting to be held thereafter, which stands corroborated by the fact that the annual general meeting is to be held not later than 31st August of each year.

5. Learned counsel for the petitioners also submit that no notice worth the name was served upon them with respect to their respective disaffiliation and it was only by way of a paper publication that they learned about the disaffiliation.

6. Learned counsel for the petitioners also submit that the intent of the respondents in disaffiliating the petitioners and all other similarly situated clubs is writ large and they wish to pass resolutions in petitioners' absence which would be detrimental to the interest of not only JDCA, but also to members of the

association and the players as the same would have a cascading effect.

7. Learned counsel also submit that if the sole reason for their disaffiliation is non-payment of the subscription amount, they are ready and willing to deposit the same at any point of time, moreso when the date of 31st of July has not arrived at.

8. Learned counsel also submit that despite serving repeated notices to the respondents asking for the copy of the order disaffiliating them, no such order has been served upon them till date, which is a clear violation of the principles of natural justice and fair play.

9. On the basis of the above submissions, learned counsel for the petitioners pray that the writ petition be entertained and the interim relief be granted to them and the respondents be restrained from holding the annual general meeting on 23.06.2026.

10. In repudiation, Mr. Ravi Bhojak, learned counsel appearing on caveat on behalf of respondents has filed preliminary objections to the maintainability of the present writ petition stating that the petitioners have an alternate remedy to file an application under the provisions of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996, read with the Rajasthan Sports (Registration, Recognition and Regulation of Associations) Act, 2005 (**Act of 2005**), which require that a dispute pertaining to the disaffiliation of membership can be resolved only by way of arbitration and conciliation, and hence, the present writ petition is not maintainable.

11. Learned counsel for the respondents further submits that on a bare perusal of the cause title of the writ petition, it is evident that it is not the club members but only certain individuals who have approached this Court, without disclosing their capacity and thus, the writ petition filed on behalf of certain individuals alleging themselves to be office bearers of the concerned sports bodies/clubs cannot be maintained.

12. Learned counsel for the respondents also submits that the petitioners have not been disaffiliated. However, it is only a proposal which is yet to be considered by the general body, and the petitioners have been only excluded from participation in the annual general body meeting on account of their non-payment of subscription fee for which as many as three notices have been served upon them despite which the dues have not been cleared. Thus, learned counsel submits that the petitioners have no case for grant of interim relief and that the writ petition be dismissed at this very stage or the prayer seeking interim relief be declined and he may be granted liberty to file a detailed reply to the writ petition.

13. Heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the record.

14. It is not disputed by either side that as many as 75 members of the respondent association have been excluded from participating in the annual general body meeting scheduled to be held on 23.06.2026.

15. Learned counsel for the respondents has also confirmed that it is on account of non-payment of subscription fee that they have been excluded from the list of members who are eligible for

participating in the annual general body meeting scheduled to be held on 23.06.2026.

However, it is a matter of record that as per the Clause 13(2) (c) of the Constitution of JDCA, all the members have the right to clear their subscription dues arrears as on 31st of July, which has not arrived till date. Thus, excluding the members from participating in the annual general body meeting solely on account of non-payment of subscription fee prior to 31.07.2026, on a prima facie note, is not found justified.

Also, the list of "Eligible Member Club Office Bearers" (Annexure-16) published by the respondents denotes that the respondent association is only 59 members and thus, holding a meeting at this stage by excluding the petitioners and other similarly situated primarily sports bodies/clubs would run contrary to the Constitution of the respondent association - JDCA. Also, any such action of depriving the members to participate in the annual general meeting without granting them any opportunity of hearing is clearly a violation of principles of natural justice and fair play.

16. Taking note of the above, at this stage, while granting liberty to learned counsel for the respondents to file detailed reply to the writ petition, the respondent association - JDCA, is restrained from holding its annual general meeting scheduled to be held on 23.06.2026.

However, it is clarified that in case, it chooses to allow the excluded members to clear their subscription dues, it would be at liberty to proceed ahead to hold its annual general body meeting in accordance with the Constitution of the JDCA and the provisions of the Act of 2005.

17. Learned counsel for the petitioners also seek time to file reply to the preliminary objections as raised by the learned counsel for the respondents.

18. List the matter on 08.07.2026.

(ANUROOP SINGHI (V.J.)),J

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