BEFORE HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE INDU MALHOTRA (RETD.) OMBUDSMAN-CUM-ETHICS OFFICER DELHI & DISTRICT CRICKET ASSOCIATION (DDCA)

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IN THE MATTER OF			
Amit Kumar Chauhan		••••	Complainant
	Versus		
Naseem Shaffi & Anr.		••••	Respondents
Present:			
For Complainant:			
None			
For Naseem Shaffi:			
None			

For DDCA:

Mr. Saurabh Chadha along with Mr. Rohit Bhagat, Advocates

ORDER DATED 04.02.2023

- 1. In terms of the Order dated 07.01.2023, the Respondent No. 1 Naseem Shaffi was directed to file an affidavit stating that he was willing to return the money of the Complainant. He was also directed to deposit an amount of Rs. 1,25,000/- to be paid to the Complainant, on or before 30.01.2023.
- 2. The Respondent Naseem Shaffi, has neither filed an affidavit, nor submitted the Demand Draft of Rs. 1,25,000/- (Rupees One Lakh Twenty Five Thousand only) with DDCA till date. In fact, he has failed to appear today.
- 3. DDCA has informed the Ombudsman that a sum of Rs. 26,775/- (Rupees Twenty Six Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy Five only) is payable to the

Respondent – Naseem Shaffi by DDCA for services rendered. Let the said amount of Rs. 26,775/- (Rupees Twenty Six Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy Five only) be paid to the Complainant, as part payment of the amount payable to the Complainant by the Respondent– Naseem Shaffi.

- 4. The Counsel for DDCA has stated that the Umpire & Scorer Committee of DDCA is yet to finalize the Enquiry Report. However, an email dated 30.01.2023 has been received from Ms. Gayathri Venugopalan, Umpire & Scorer Committee (DDCA) stating that since 30.08.2022, the Respondent Naseem Shaffi has not been posted as an Umpire in any of the matches organized by DDCA, and that the said Committee has decided not to post the Respondent Naseem Shaffi as an Umpire, till further directions from the Apex Council of DDCA.
- 5. Taking into consideration that the Respondent has admitted to having received the amount of Rs. 2,38,000 from the Complainant, which he was wiling to return as recorded in the order dated 21.05.2022 and his failure to pay the amount or even part thereof despite several opportunities being granted, and now failure to remain present for the hearing, it is deemed fit and appropriate to direct DDCA not to give any assignment to the Respondent Naseem Shaffi, as an Umpire, or in any capacity whatsoever.

This order is to be uploaded on the website of DDCA.

- 6. The Respondent Naseem Shaffi is directed to deposit a sum of Rs. 15,000/(Rupees Fifteen Thousand only) as Fine, by way of a Demand Draft in favour of DDCA within a period of two weeks from the date of this Order. On receipt of the said fine amount, let it be deposited in the Welfare Fund account created in terms of the Order dated 27.07.2022 passed in the matter of "Sameer Bahadur & Anr. v. DDCA & Ors. [Age Fraud]".
- 7. In case the Respondent Naseem Shaffi re-pays the balance amount of Rs. 2,11,225 i.e. Rs. 2,38,000 minus Rs. 26,775, to the Complainant, he is granted

liberty to file an appropriate application before the Ld. Ombudsman, for lifting the ban imposed on him.

- 8. In the meantime, let the Enquiry Report of the Umpire & Scorer Committee (DDCA) be placed before the Ombudsman within a period of 2 weeks from today.
- 9. Let the matter be posted for compliance through virtual mode on 22.02.2023 at 5.30 p.m. The DDCA is directed to share the link of the hearing with all the parties concerned.

Justice Indu Malhotra (Retd.) Ombudsman-Cum-Ethics Officer, DDCA