

## ICC to seek Gavaskar's explanation

The International Cricket Council (ICC) will seek an explanation from Sunil Gavaskar for criticising Australian and English cricket boards in his syndicated columns recently.

A Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) press release here Wednesday said: 'An ICC representative may discuss with Sunil (Gavaskar) about some of his media articles and report back to the Executive Board in its next meeting.'

The BCCI reiterated its stand on the issue that the report in a London newspaper was 'totally incorrect' and that the ICC has 'confirmed to the Indian Board there has been no decision to remove Sunil Gavaskar'.

The Times, London, reported that at last week's ICC executive committee meeting in Dubai it was decided in an unanimous vote that Gavaskar should be asked to resign because of a conflict of interest between his honorary ICC position and his paid role as a columnist and commentator.

Apparently the ICC is incensed with Gavaskar's reaction in his syndicated column where the legendary batsman described England and Australia as 'dinosaurs' who cannot 'open their eyes and see the reality'.

The former opening batsman also lambasted South African match referee Mike Procter, saying he was biased against Indians in view of the 'colour of the skin'.

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