

# Muralitharan among group asking court to reform Sri Lanka cricket

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Muttiah Muralitharan (TOI Photo)

COLOMBO: Bowling great [Muttiah Muralitharan](#) and other former Sri Lanka cricketers and administrators are seeking a court order for the government to appoint an independent committee to draft a new constitution that will reform the running of the national game.

Former Test opener Sidath Wettimuny and Michael Tissera, who played for Sri Lanka in the inaugural 1975 [World Cup](#) and later became manager, are among a group of 12 who petitioned the court.

The group also included Ana Punchihewa, Vijaya Malalasekera and Rienzie Wijetilleke, who have all headed the national cricket board at various times.

"The root cause of the decline of Sri Lankan cricket is its poor governance driven through the flawed constitution of [SLC](#) (Sri Lanka Cricket)," the petitioners said in a statement. "The said constitution has installed a board which is not independent from its playing clubs."