

BID OUT OF TURN

Wajahat's Question : Both the RHO&LHO on my table open 1NT(12-14),What is our right? .It was LHO bid, RHO started by mistake.

My partner did not overcall his suit thinking that they have about 25 points & we may be punished.3NT contract they played is not making ,if I lead the suit partner would have called if this mistake was not committed by opponents.

Sridhar's Views

When there is a bid-out-of – turn , the law imposes suitable penal clauses on the offending side to prevent any unauthorized information being exchanged and protect the opponents; you should call the Director as soon as the infraction is committed and he will inform you of all your options ; you can take an appropriate decision . It is also the duty of Director to ensure that clever , manipulative players do not exploit the provisions of the law and open out of turn deliberately and the Law empowers him adequately in discharging this duty..

This irregularity comes under the classification “ simultaneous bid” ; under the provisions of the applicable clause your RHO's bid is deemed as bid out of turn ; so your LHO must pass ; the RHO can make a bid , but he cannot use the information provided by his partner's bid of 1N now, since it is considered as Unauthorized information (UI). So he has to bid 1N only and all can pass ; even your partner can bid in the balancing seat, since there has been an UI which cannot be used . If he passes , perhaps, 1N made 3 will be the result