

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF ADMINISTRATORS  
HELD ON 12<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2017 AT ITC MAURYA, NEW DELHI**

**Attendees:**

Mr. Vinod Rai – Chairman  
Ms. Diana Edulji  
Mr. Vikram Limaye  
Mr. Rahul Johri – BCCI CEO  
Ms. Karina Kripalani – BCCI Legal Advisor  
Ms. Prabhjyot Chhabra – BCCI Legal Advisor  
Ms. Anuja Darekar – BCCI  
Mr. Adarsh Saxena (Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas)

**ITEM 1: CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE OF ADMINISTRATORS HELD ON 5<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2017**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2017 were approved and signed by the Chairman and the COA resolved that the said signed minutes should be put up on the BCCI website in the interests of transparency.

**ITEM 2: MATTERS ARISING OUT OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**A. Item 5(C) of minutes of meeting dated 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2017 – Payment for ICC T20 World Cup Tickets**

CFO joined the meeting.

1. The COA was informed that the details of utilization of tickets worth Rs. 76 lakhs under option-to-buy were still not available and payment of Rs. 76 lakhs to the ticketing agent was still on hold as discussed during the meetings on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2017 and 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2017.
2. After discussion, the COA decided that the matter should be referred to the existing office bearers for their opinion since it involves events that took place well before the COA assumed charge. Thereafter, the regular approval process as specified in the directions dated 6<sup>th</sup> April 2017 may be followed in respect of this payment as well.

CFO left the meeting.

**B. Item 6 of minutes of meeting dated 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2017 – Legal Matters**



1. The COA was informed of the letters/ notices received by the BCCI from the office of the Collector of Stamps, Mumbai and the legal advice that had earlier been received in relation to the same.
2. After discussion, the COA decided that:
  - (a) The BCCI should pay the applicable stamp duty as per the Maharashtra Stamp Act on all its new contracts.
  - (b) However, in relation to earlier contracts, the issue should be brought to the attention of the office bearers with a request to take an appropriate decision on the same in light of the legal advice that had earlier been received by the BCCI.

C. Items 2(A), 5(B) and 5(C) of minutes of meeting dated 5<sup>th</sup> April 2017 – Operating Manual on Core Principles and Policies for the BCCI and Internal Controls for Approval of Expenses

The COA was informed that an external agency had prepared a draft handbook on core principles and policies for the BCCI and the same was briefly discussed.

D. Item 6(A) of minutes of meeting dated 5<sup>th</sup> April 2017 – List of BCCI Staff

The CEO informed the COA that a list of all BCCI employees/ retainers had been prepared as suggested by the COA during the meeting of 5<sup>th</sup> April 2017. The CEO also informed the COA that the said list would be put up on the website after the designations of each employee/ retainer had been confirmed.

### ITEM 3: LEGAL MATTERS

A. Proceedings before the Hon'ble Supreme Court

1. The COA was informed that pursuant to the Third Status Report, the Hon'ble Supreme Court had directed the matter to be listed on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2017 for deciding the issues raised in the Third Status Report including the issue of whether the FAQs issued by the Hon'ble Justice Lodha Committee form part of the reforms that the COA is required to implement.
2. After discussion, the COA observed that the Hon'ble Supreme Court's decision on the issues raised in the Third Status Report was necessary in order to take the next steps towards implementation of the reforms.

B. Status of Responses received from State Associations to the Due Diligence Reports

The COA was informed that only 6 State Associations had sent their responses to the Due Diligence Reports (“**DD Reports**”) pursuant to the COA having sent the respective DD Reports to them. The COA was also informed that pursuant to the previous meeting of the COA held on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2017, the responses received from the 6 State Associations had been sent to Deloitte for their feedback on the same.

Prof. Ratnakar Shetty joined the meeting.

C. Update on Bihar Cricket Association

The COA took note of the situation in the Bihar Cricket Association (“**BCA**”) as well as the various communications addressed by the BCA.

D. Update on Admission of an Associate Member from Puducherry

1. The COA was informed of the order dated 10<sup>th</sup> April 2017 passed by the Hon’ble Supreme Court. The COA was also informed that a team from the BCCI would be visiting Puducherry soon.
2. The COA was thereafter informed that an association from Mizoram had been following up for admission as a member for a long time.
3. Based on the suggestion of Prof. Shetty, the COA decided that the same team which would be visiting Puducherry could thereafter also visit Mizoram.

Prof. Shetty left the meeting.

E. Litigation with erstwhile Kochi IPL Franchisee

The COA took note of the litigation with the erstwhile Kochi IPL Franchisee. The COA asked that the CEO should meet with a representative from the erstwhile Kochi IPL Franchisee who had expressed interest in a settlement. The COA also observed that in the event the erstwhile Kochi IPL Franchisee made an offer for settlement, the same should be placed before the IPL Governing Council for appropriate decision/action.

**ITEM 4: IPL RELATED MATTERS**

1. The COA was informed that it would be appropriate to launch the said process on or about 1<sup>st</sup> June 2017, i.e. after the IPL 2017 season is over. The COA was also informed in light of the timing of the tender process for IPL Media Rights 2018 season onwards, the BCCI would need to conduct an RFP process for IPL production services prior to the same.



2. The COA took note of the above.

#### **ITEM 5: NATIONAL CRICKET ACADEMY LAND**

Prof. Shetty joined the meeting.

After discussion, the COA decided that the BCCI should take possession of the land and write a letter to the Government of Karnataka requesting that the land be allotted on lease-cum-sale basis.

#### **ITEM 6: FINANCIAL MATTERS**

CFO joined the meeting.

##### **A. Ground Covers**

Based on the recommendation of the CFO, the COA decided that ground covers for stadia in Jharkhand and Assam could be purchased by the BCCI and supplied to the concerned State Associations whilst debiting the amounts to the relevant suspense accounts of the respective State Associations.

##### **B. Payments for Cricket Operations**

1. The COA was informed that there were various payments that were required to be made to third party vendors from time to time relating to cricket operations wherein the said vendors would supply goods/ services for the benefit of State Associations but would raise invoices/ bills on the BCCI. The COA was also informed that there were various instances of specific payments where after taking the approval of the COA, BCCI had made payment of the same and debited the corresponding amounts to the relevant suspense accounts of the respective State Associations.
2. After discussion, the COA decided that the regular approval process as specified in the directions dated 6<sup>th</sup> April 2017 may be followed for payments which met the following parameters:
  - (a) The fact that the payments were relating to cricket operations is verified and certified by Dr. M. V. Sridhar and Prof. Ratnakar Shetty.
  - (b) The invoices/ bills are raised on the BCCI.
  - (c) After the payment is made by the BCCI, the relevant suspense account of the respective State Associations should be debited.

C. Standing Instructions in relation to Paragraph 6 of the Directions dated 6<sup>th</sup> April 2017 issued by the COA

1. The CFO drew the attention of the COA to paragraph 6 of the directions dated 6<sup>th</sup> April 2017 issued by the COA, which states as follows:

*“In any event and notwithstanding the above, prior approval of the Committee of Administrators shall be taken in respect of any payment where the beneficiary is the CEO, Acting President, Acting Secretary, Treasurer or any employee who works exclusively with any of them. The CEO and the existing office bearers shall jointly prepare a list of such employees and submit the same to the Committee of Administrators. The Treasurer shall be copied (for information only) on requests for approval of payments.”*

2. After discussion and based on the CFO’s recommendation, the COA decided that a standing instruction be issued to the effect that regular contractual and statutory payments like salary, provident fund, etc. may be paid to the persons/ employees covered under paragraph 6 of the directions dated 6<sup>th</sup> April 2017 issued by the COA. However, the mandatory prior approval of the COA would continue to be required for other payments like allowances, expenses, etc.

D. Permission of Income Tax Department before amending the Memorandum and Rules and Regulations of the BCCI

1. The COA was informed that once the new Memorandum and Rules and Regulations of the BCCI is finalized, the BCCI should submit the same to the income tax department before it is formally adopted.
2. The COA took note of the above.

E. Update on Financial Matters

The CFO updated the COA on the status of various payments. The COA took note of the same.

**ITEM 7: CRICKET RELATED MATTERS**

A. Cricket in North Eastern States

1. After discussion, the COA decided that the proposals contained in the note presented by Prof. Shetty on the development of cricket in the north eastern states should first be put up before the office bearers and, after taking their views/feedback on the same, may be re-submitted to the COA for approval.

2. Based on the recommendation of Prof. Shetty, the COA decided that BCCI may make payments for cricketing equipment to be supplied to the Assam Cricket Association (“ACA”) and debit it to the relevant suspense account of the ACA.
3. After discussion, the COA decided that since the decision to supply cricketing equipment to the Sikkim Cricket Association for distribution to schools had already been taken earlier and only implementation had been held up, the same could be proceeded with as there was no reason not to do so.

B. Women’s Cricket – Plans for the tour of South Africa and the ICC Women’s World Cup

1. Prof. Shetty briefed the COA on the upcoming tour of South Africa and the plan for the Women’s team to travel early to England to prepare for the ICC Women’s World Cup to be held in June 2017. He also highlighted the need for appointment of coaches, etc. and the expenses to be incurred.
2. The COA approved the above.

C. Under-19 Cricket – Plans for the tour of England and the ICC Under-19 World Cup

1. Prof. Shetty briefed the COA on the proposed plans for the India Under-19 team till the ICC Under-19 World Cup to be held in January, 2018 and presented a short note detailing the proposal, including the suggestions made by Mr. Rahul Dravid, coach of the India Under-19 team which envisages appointment of a team of support staff – one physiotherapist, one trainer, one masseur, one video analyst, one bowling coach and one fielding coach.
2. The COA approved the above.

D. One-Time Benefit for Cricketers who have played between 50 and 74 Ranji Trophy Matches

1. Prof. Shetty briefed the COA on the issue of one-time benefit for cricketers who have played between 50 and 74 first class matches. Prof. Shetty informed the COA that during the Working Committee meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2015, a suggestion had been made by one of the members regarding the issue but no decision had been taken on the same. However, at a subsequent Working Committee meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2015 there was a decision to the effect that BCCI should not take any decision on the issue till there is clarity on the liabilities of the BCCI considering that various arbitrations and other legal proceedings are pending and that the Finance Committee should present a paper on the financial stability of the BCCI before taking any decision on this issue.



2. COA took note of the above and decided that the issue should be referred to the office bearers for necessary action.

E. Insurance for Injured Cricketers

1. After discussion, the COA asked that a detailed note on the issue be presented to them at a subsequent meeting.

Prof. Shetty left the meeting.

**ITEM 8: ANY OTHER ITEM**

A. Invoice raised by Tripura Cricket Association

After discussion, the COA decided that the BCCI legal team should check the documents submitted by the Tripura Cricket Association (“TCA”) and verify whether the TCA had in fact implemented the recommendations of the Hon’ble Justice Lodha Committee.

B. BCCI Staff Salary Revision

The CEO informed the COA that revisions in staff salary for the year 2016-2017 is due as of 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017. The COA directed that process for upward salary revision of staff that was appointed prior to 1<sup>st</sup> October 2016 to be commenced and a list of the same to be submitted.

C. Next Meeting of the COA

1. The COA decided that it would meet again on a date, time and place to be mutually decided subsequently.

Meeting concluded.

