

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF ADMINISTRATORS  
HELD ON 08<sup>TH</sup> and 09<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2017 AT ITC MAURYA, NEW DELHI**

Attendees:

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

**ITEM 1: CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
COMMITTEE OF ADMINISTRATORS HELD ON 22<sup>ND</sup> JULY 2017**

Ms. Anaisha Paranjape joined the meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2017 were 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: IMPLEMENTATION OF REFORMS AND MATTERS RELATING  
THERE TO**

A. Update on SGM held on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2017 and Next Steps

1. The COA discussed the SGM held on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2017 and noted that the decisions taken during the said meeting had not been communicated to the COA till date. The COA also discussed the audio recording of the SGM held on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2017 and observed that the office bearers had deliberately misinterpreted the order dated 24<sup>th</sup> July 2017 passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court and used such misinterpretation to defy the said order and not implement any of the reforms.
2. After discussion, the COA decided that the aforesaid should be brought to the attention of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the Fifth Status Report and appropriate directions as instructed by the COA should be sought from the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

B. Way Forward for the Upcoming Hearing on 18<sup>th</sup> August 2017 including filing of Fifth Status Report

1. The COA discussed the upcoming hearing on 18<sup>th</sup> August 2017 including what should be included in the Fifth Status Report.
  2. After discussion, the COA decided that:
    - (a) CAM Team should prepare the Fifth Status Report as per the instructions issued by the COA and finalize the same after taking inputs from Senior Counsel; and
    - (b) the Fifth Status Report should be filed prior to the upcoming hearing on 18<sup>th</sup> August 2017.
- C. Response of Office Bearers to email dated 27 July 2017 from the COA re Violation of Directions
1. The COA noted the three separate emails, all dated 31<sup>st</sup> July 2017, addressed by the office bearers in response to the COA's email dated 27<sup>th</sup> July 2017 regarding violation of the COA's directions.
  2. After discussion, the COA decided that:
    - (a) the responses of the office bearers were not satisfactory and a communication to that effect should be sent by the COA to the office bearers; and
    - (b) the violation of the COA's directions by the office bearers should be brought to the attention of the Hon'ble Supreme Court by including in the Fifth Status Report.

### **ITEM 3: OTHER COA MATTERS**

A. Update on Compliance of the State Associations regarding Details of their Constituent Members

1. The COA was updated on the State Associations that had provided details of their constituent members and took note of the same.
2. After discussion, the COA decided that the details as provided should be put up on the BCCI website whilst making it clear that the BCCI is not certifying the veracity of the information provided as it is not in a position to verify the same.

B. Letter dated 27<sup>th</sup> July 2017 received from the Chairman, Law Commission of India

1. The COA took note of the letter received from the Chairman of the Law Commission of India seeking the BCCI's views on legalizing betting and gambling.



2. After discussion, the COA decided that it would discuss the letter with the office bearers.

C. Funding of State Associations for International and Domestic Calendar 2017-2018

1. The CFO brought up the issue of funding the associations for International and Domestic matches for 2017-18 and pointed out that as per the orders dated 7<sup>th</sup> October 2016 and 21<sup>st</sup> October 2016 passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court, BCCI had been restrained from releasing funds to State Associations unless they complied with the said orders except to the extent permitted by the subsequent order dated 24<sup>th</sup> March 2017.
2. After discussion, the COA observed that the decisions taken during the Tour, Programme and Fixtures Committee meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2017 had not yet been communicated to the COA and/or CEO.
3. Accordingly, the COA decided that to discuss the issue with Office Bearers on the next day i.e. 9<sup>th</sup> August 2017.

D. Merging of different Finance Teams and Treasury within the BCCI into one Finance Department

1. After discussion, the COA directed that all separate teams/individuals working under Treasury and Finance should be merged into a consolidated Finance Department, reporting to the CFO. Further CFO and his department shall report to the CEO.

The COA further directed that all employees of BCCI, including persons who work with the Office Bearers shall report to the CEO. This would ensure efficiency in management.

CEO and Mr. Saxena left the meeting as they had another meeting to attend.

E. Appointment of Administrator in JKCA

1. BCCI Legal team briefed the COA on the writ petition filed by one Sajad Sofi against JKCA stating that that office bearers from both factions of JKCA have demitted office there is no head-officer for JKCA and inter alia praying for appointment of a neutral administrator to act as a care taker of JKCA till final disposal of the Petition.
2. It was further discussed that Mr. Imran Ansari and Mehboob Iqbal are both disqualified as per the Order dated 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2017 read with 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2017 and only Mr. Iqbal Ahmed Shah is continuing office bearer in JKCA.

3. After discussions, the COA decided that the BCCI should support appointment of an administrator in JKCA.

Ms. Anaisha Paranjape left the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned and re-convened on 9<sup>th</sup> August 2017.

Acting President (Mr. C. K. Khanna), Acting Hon. Secretary (Mr. Amitabh Choudhary) and Hon. Treasurer (Mr. Anirudh Chaudhry) joined the meeting.

Since a fixed time had been scheduled with Deloitte, it was decided to take up Agenda Item 6 A first, before proceeding with the other matters as per the Agenda of the meeting.

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

##### **A. Presentation by Deloitte in relation to Audit of BCCI**

Mr. P. Sriraman and Mr. Krishna Prakash from Deloitte Team joined the meeting via video-conference.

1. The Deloitte Team gave a presentation and discussed the major issues in relation to the audit of BCCI.
2. On the basis of the discussions, the COA decided that:
  - (a) The office bearers, CEO and CFO should discuss the issue of 'provisioning' in the books of accounts of BCCI; and
  - (b) The office bearers, CEO and CFO should compile all details/ documents relating to service tax issue arising out of the T20 World Cup 2016 and place the same before the COA.

Deloitte Team left the meeting.

#### **ITEM 4: LEGAL MATTERS**

##### **A. Petition filed by Subramanian Swamy**

1. The COA perused the proposed counter affidavit on behalf of BCCI in the matter highlighting how the ongoing tender process is transparent and will also maximize revenue.
2. After discussion, the COA approved the counter affidavit on behalf of BCCI in the matter and instructed that the same be filed.

B. Sreesanth Matter

1. The COA discussed the order dated 7<sup>th</sup> August 2017 passed by the Hon'ble Kerala High Court in relation to the ban on Sreesanth.
2. After discussion, the COA decided that BCCI should file an appeal against the aforesaid order dated 7<sup>th</sup> August 2017 and also seek a stay of the same.

C. Representation made by Md. Azharuddin

After discussion between the COA and Office Bearers, it was decided that:

- (a) the matter be referred to the General Body of BCCI for an appropriate decision; and
- (b) any other similar cases should also be examined by the General Body on a case to case basis.

**ITEM 5: CRICKETING MATTERS**

Prof. Ratnakar Shetty joined the meeting

A. Women's Cricket

1. The COA commended the Women's team for their performance and applauded the support given by the selectors, support staff and others involved in the successful journey of the women's team.
2. After discussion, it was decided that:
  - (a) the women's national selectors viz. Hemlata Kala, Lopa Mundra Banerjee and Shashi Gupta should be rewarded with Rs. 15 lakhs each;
  - (b) similarly the men's national selectors viz. MSK Prasad, Sarandeep Singh and Devang Gandhi should also be rewarded with Rs. 15 lakhs each;
  - (c) a committee comprising of Ms. Diana Edulji, Mr. Rahul Johri, Prof. Ratnakar Shetty, Ms. Mithali Raj, Ms. Harmanpreet Kaur, Hemlata Kala and Mr. Tushar Arothe should give recommendations for the future of Women's Cricket and present the same to the COA; and
  - (d) the Challenger Series and International Matches should be telecast to provide greater exposure to Women's Cricket.

B. Quality of Clothing supplied to Cricket Teams



1. The concerns regarding the quality of clothing supplied by Nike were discussed.
2. After discussion, the COA decided that BCCI cannot compromise on quality of clothing/ gear given to players and the issue should be taken up with Nike including by reviewing the existing contract, if necessary.

C. Use of White Balls

3. After discussion and based on the recommendation of the house, the COA approved use of white balls for under-19 and women's matches. Further, as suggested by the office bearers, the COA asked that BCCI may explore vendors other than SG for white balls.

D. Release of Funds to Jammu & Kashmir Cricket Association

1. The COA noted that JKCA has requested for a fresh authorisation from BCCI in terms of order dated 11<sup>th</sup> July 2017 passed by the JKHC.
2. After discussion, the COA has decided that the matter should be referred to the General Body to decide the terms and conditions that should be imposed as part of the fresh authorization in terms of the order dated 11<sup>th</sup> July 2017 passed by the JKHC.

E. Release of Funds to Assam Cricket Association

1. The COA noted that the Assam Cricket Association ("ACA") has requested for release of funds directly to various parties such as employees, support staff, coaches, players, suppliers, etc.
2. The COA decided that since the ACA has neither completed the compliances in terms of the orders dated 7<sup>th</sup> October 2016 and 21<sup>st</sup> October 2016 passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court nor adopted the reforms recommended by Hon'ble Justice Lodha Committee and accepted by the Hon'ble Supreme Court, no funds can be released to ACA as requested by it.

F. Release of Funds to Maharashtra Cricket Association

1. The COA noted that the Maharashtra Cricket Association ("MCA")
2. The COA decided that since the Maharashtra Cricket Association has neither completed the compliances required by the orders dated 7<sup>th</sup> October 2016 and 21<sup>st</sup> October 2016 passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court nor adopted the reforms recommended by Hon'ble Justice Lodha Committee and accepted by the Hon'ble Supreme Court, no funds can be released to the Maharashtra Cricket Association as requested by it.

G. BCCI's Stand on Inclusion of Cricket in Olympics

After discussion, the COA decided that a report should be prepared by Prof. Shetty on the issue and circulated to the General Body for deciding the way forward.



H. Report of the Affiliation Committee on Mizoram

1. The COA perused the report of the Affiliation Committee on Mizoram and discussed the same. It was pointed out to the COA that the report of the Affiliation Committee does not specifically recommend affiliation for a cricket association from Mizoram.
2. After discussion, the COA decided that the Affiliation Committee should give a specific recommendation in relation to Mizoram.

Dr. Sridhar joined the meeting

I. Update on the meetings of the Tours, Programme and Fixture Committee and Technical Committee.

1. The COA took note of the “revised note of the Tour, Programme & Fixtures meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2017”.
2. After discussion, the COA decided that:
  - (a) the decisions taken during the meetings of the Tour, Programme and Fixtures Committee and the Technical Committee (both held on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2017) should be sent to the COA as already directed earlier;
  - (b) the allotment of matches to Guwahati should be re-considered in light of the decision of the COA not to release funds as requested by the ACA; and
  - (c) the preparedness of the venue(s) in Kerala should be re-examined by the office bearers.

J. Team Manager for Under 19 and India A Team

After discussion, the COA decided that given the low number of tours that the India ‘A’ and India Under-19 Teams undertake, there need not be a full-time Team Manager for these teams and the employees of BCCI can be appointed as the Team Manager for India ‘A’ Team and India Under-19 Team as and when required, based on the recommendation of the CEO.

K. 15-Day Gap between IPL and National Calendar

1. The difficulties in achieving a 15-day gap between the IPL and the national calendar were brought to the attention of the COA.
2. The COA noted that this is not one of the points that the General Body had identified as impracticable during the SGM held on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2017.

3. After discussion, the COA decided that the General Body did not consider this to be an impracticable recommendation of the Hon'ble Justice Lodha Committee and as such appropriate steps must be taken in this direction.

Dr. Sridhar left the meeting.

L. Potential Conflict of Interest Cases

Mr. Dev Shriyan and Mr. Hemang Amin joined the meeting.

1. The COA was informed that Mr. Sunil Gavaskar had a stake in a sports management company and, in order to be a BCCI commentator whilst avoiding any potential conflict of interest, he had decided to divest his stake in the said company.
2. The COA observed that issues relating to conflict of interest ought to be decided by the Ombudsman, which position has remained vacant since September 2016.
3. After discussion, the COA decided that Mr. Gavaskar may be a BCCI commentator provided he divested his stake in the sports management company to a person other than his relative (as defined under the new BCCI Conflict of Interest Rules).

M. Production and Broadcast Plan for 2017-18 Season

1. The COA was briefed on the production and broadcast plan for the 2017-18 season and took note of the same. The list of proposed BCCI commentators was also discussed.
2. After further discussion and based on the recommendations received by the COA, the COA decided that an RFP process should be adopted for procuring cameras to be installed in various state associations as part of the umpire analysis program.

N. Renewal of Contracts with Adfactors and Sportsmechanics

1. The CEO explained that the contracts with Ad-factors and Sports Mechanics had expired and/or were expiring.
2. After discussion and based on the CEO's recommendation, the COA approved the renewal of contracts with Adfactors PR Private Limited for a term of one year and Sportsmechanics for a term of two years.

O. IPL 2018

1. Mr. Amin briefed the house on the IPL Season 2018 and the plans for the same.





2. After discussion and based on recommendations received by the COA, the COA decided that:
  - (a) a legal opinion should be taken regarding the pending requests from CSKCL regarding ownership structure and the matter should thereafter be referred (along with the legal opinion) to IPL Governing Council;
  - (b) the issue regarding change of home venue of Rajasthan Royals and Kings XI Punjab should be referred to the IPL Governing Council;
  - (c) the change of name of the company which owns the Rajasthan Royals franchise from Jaipur IPL Cricket Private Limited to "Royals Cricket Private Limited" was approved; and
  - (d) the other matters relating to IPL player regulations, etc. were referred to the IPL Governing Council.

Mr. Hemang Amin and Mr. Dev Shriyan left the meeting.

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

##### **B. Direct Payment to International and Domestic Players**

1. The CFO explained the issue of direct payments to international and domestic players and the COA noted the same.
2. After discussion, the COA decided that from the 2017-18 season onwards, all payments to players (domestic and international) shall be paid directly by BCCI.

##### **C. Impact of GST on Travel Allowance/ Dearness Allowance**

1. The CFO briefed the house on the applicability of GST on TA/ DA and the opinion received by BCCI with regard to the same.
2. After discussion, the COA decided that BCCI should take a second opinion on the issue.

##### **D. Method of Payment of Allowances**

1. The COA discussed the method of payment of allowances. After discussion, the COA decided that:
  - (a) Any advance loading of allowances on the cash cards of office bearers will be up to a maximum of Rs. 5 lakhs per month.
  - (b) All TA/ DA to committee members/ members' representatives shall be paid by cheque.



E. Prize Money for Domestic Tournaments

1. The CFO and Prof. Shetty briefed the house on the issue of distribution of prize money for domestic tournaments and pointed out that all invoices that are received have been paid. However, invoices from certain Associations had not yet been received by BCCI.
2. After discussion, the COA decided that names of Associations who have not sent their invoices should be put up on the BCCI website.

F. Increased Compensation for Domestic Players/ Player Remuneration Structure

After discussion and based on recommendation received by the COA, the COA referred the matter to the Finance Committee.

**ITEM 7: ADMINISTRATIVE/ HR MATTERS**

A. 5-Day working week

The CEO briefed the house on the having a 5-day week for BCCI office. After discussion, the COA decided that in keeping with globally accepted practices relating to good governance, BCCI will have a 5-day working week but the office shall remain open on Saturday and Sunday so that staff can have access to office if they are required to come in for some work.

B. Renovation of 1<sup>st</sup> Floor office in BCCI HQ Mumbai office

1. After discussion, the COA approved the renovation of the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of BCCI office at Mumbai and directed that a detailed plan and budget for the same be placed before the COA for approval.
2. The COA further directed that BCCI examine the lease of the premises and also registration of the 4<sup>th</sup> floor should be looked into.

CFO, Prof. Shetty, Mr. Indranil Deshmukh, Mr. Adarsh Saxena, Ms. Karina Kripalani, Ms. Prabhjot Chhabra and Ms. Anuja Darekar left the meeting.

C. Update on Status of Details of Educational Qualifications yet to be received from the Employees working with the office bearers and the Disclosure Forms submitted by the Employees.

1. COA took note of the persons who had not submitted educational qualifications despite reminders issued for the same i.e. Renu Sharma and Mangal Singh, working with the office of the Hon. Treasurer.



2. The COA directed Hon. Treasurer to submit educational qualifications of staff members assisting him, who have not submitted their details.
3. The COA noted the contents of the Disclosure Forms submitted by the employees. After discussion with the office bearers, the COA decided to take appropriate steps.

#### **ITEM 8: ANY OTHER MATTER**

##### F. Bills of Sr. Adv. Puneet Bali

After discussion, the COA decided that the bills of Sr. Advocate Mr. Puneet Bali aggregating to Rs. 20 lakhs be paid subject to (i) Mr. Amitabh Choudhary instructing Mr. Bali to clearly state in Court that his representation is on behalf of Mr. Amitabh Choudhary (the Acting Hon. Secretary) and not on behalf of the BCCI; and (ii) revision of the narrative in the bills of Mr. Bali to clearly state that his representation is on behalf of Mr. Amitabh Choudhary (the Acting Hon. Secretary).

##### G. Next Meeting of the COA

The COA decided that it would meet again at an appropriate date and venue to be decided after the hearing of 18<sup>th</sup> August 2017.

Meeting concluded.

