MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF ADMINISTRATORS HELD ON 25TH APRIL 2018 AT HOTEL PULLMAN, NEW DELHI

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At the outset, the Chairman expressed the view that he wished to discuss certain matters not on the agenda before moving on to the agenda items. Ms. Edulji concurred.

ITEM 6: ANY OTHER MATTER

A. Acting Secretary's Interview on Day/ Night Test Matches

1. The COA perused the contents of the interview given by the Acting Secretary to the Indian Express (as published that morning) *inter alia* regarding the issue of day/ night Test Matches. It was noted that the Acting Secretary has stated that "*Even today, the cricket management, as expressed by the coach (Ravi Shastri), selectors, office-bearers – all are supporting this.*", which is clearly incorrect in light of the discussions between the COA and Mr. Ravi Shastri on 12th April 2018.

2. The COA observed that it does not have any fundamental issue with the concept of day/ night Test Matches provided all stakeholders are consulted and arrive at a consensus on the issue. It was noted that the COA has asked the General Manager (Cricket Operations) to communicate the views expressed by Mr. Ravi Shastri to the COA on 12th April 2018 to all concerned during the meeting of the Technical Committee which was then scheduled to be held on 16th April 2018. Since Mr. Saba Karim was to join the meeting sometime later, the COA decided to obtain his inputs regarding the discussions on the issue of day/ night Test Matches during the Technical Committee meeting held on 16th April 2018 before deliberating further on this matter.

B. Allocation of Tickets for IPL Matches

After discussion, the COA decided that the details in relation to allocation of IPL match tickets should be placed before the COA for consideration.

ITEM 1: CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE OF ADMINISTRATORS HELD ON 27TH FEBRUARY 2018 AND 13TH MARCH 2018

A. Confirmation of the Minutes of the COA Meeting held on 27th February 2018

1. The COA was informed that pursuant to the COA meeting held on 12th April 2018 during which certain corrections were made by the COA in the draft minutes of the COA meeting held on 27th February 2018, the said corrections had been carried out and the corrected minutes had been circulated for approval.

2. After discussion, the COA made some additional corrections in the draft minutes of the COA meeting held on 27th February 2018 and decided that once the said corrections have been carried out, the Chairman shall sign the minutes after which the said signed minutes should be put up on the BCCI website in the interests of transparency.

B. Confirmation of the Minutes of the COA Meeting held on 13th March 2018

1. The COA was informed that pursuant to the COA meeting held on 12th April 2018 during which certain corrections were made by the COA in the draft minutes of the COA meeting held on 13th March 2018, the said corrections had been carried out and the corrected minutes had been circulated for approval.

2. After some discussion, the COA approved the corrected minutes of the COA meeting held on 13th March 2018 and decided that the Chairman can sign the minutes simultaneously with the minutes of the COA meeting held on 27th February 2018, after which the said signed minutes should be put up on the BCCI website in the interests of transparency.

ITEM 2: IMPLEMENTATION OF REFORMS AND MATTERS RELATED THERETO

A. Reporting Structure and Role of Anti-Corruption Unit in the context of recommendations of the Hon'ble Justice Lodha Committee and the Judgment

1. The COA was informed that the organisation structure for the BCCI as recommended by the Hon'ble Justice Lodha Committee does not indicate the reporting hierarchy of the Anti-Corruption Unit ("**ACU**"). The organization structure contained in the Handbook on Core Principles and Policies for Administration of BCCI prepared by Deloitte ("**BCCI Handbook**") also does not indicate the reporting hierarchy of the ACU. However, Chapter Nine of the report of the Hon'ble Justice Lodha Committee ("**LC Report**") makes a specific reference to the BCCI ACU and its activities.

2. Certain differences between the organisation structure provided in the BCCI Handbook and the organisation structure provided in the LC Report were discussed along with the reasons for the same. It was noted that the LC Report envisages not more than 6 positions (called 'Managers') reporting directly to the CEO, who in turn reports to the Apex Council. It was also noted that the BCCI Handbook maintains this except that 6 positions reporting directly to the CEO are called 'General Managers'. It was also noted that the organization structure under the BCCI Handbook is a transitory one which will have to be suitably modified once the new constitution of the BCCI in terms of the LC Report ("**New BCCI Constitution**") is brought into effect.

3. The COA noted that it had already taken a decision at Item 4(E) of the minutes of the COA meeting held on 3rd January 2018 in terms of which the Head of the ACU will functionally report to the CEO but will be under the overall supervision and control of the Chairman of the COA (for as long as the COA is in place) and, thereafter, the President of BCCI. The COA observed that the word 'functionally' is not appropriate in the said decision and should be replaced with the word 'administratively'.

4. The option of having the Head of the ACU report to the Apex Council (instead of the President) was considered as were the options of having the Head of the ACU report to the Ombudsman and/or the directly to the General Body with a view to maintaining the independence of the ACU.

5. After some further discussion, the COA decided that:

   (a) it will subsequently consider whether a clarification on the reporting structure/ hierarchy of the ACU is necessary; and

   (b) in the meantime, the Head of the ACU will administratively report to the CEO but will be under the overall supervision and control of the Chairman of the COA (for as long as the COA is in place) and, thereafter, the President of BCCI.

B. Compliance by the Kerala Cricket Association

1. The COA was informed that the Kerala Cricket Association ("**KCA**") had addressed an email dated 24th April 2018 to the BCCI legal team enclosing draft bye-laws of the KCA and *inter alia* stating that the KCA is convening a Special General Meeting ("**SGM**") on 26th April 2018. The COA was also informed that the KCA had addressed an email dated 25th April 2018 to the COA requesting that the bye-laws sent to the BCCI legal team be accepted by the COA and sanction be accorded to proceed with elections in terms thereof.

2. The COA noted that as per the email dated 13th June 2017 issued by the COA to all State Associations, the prescribed procedure is to send amended bye-laws for scrutiny by the BCCI legal team and not draft bye-laws. The COA also noted that while it made sense (from the perspective of State Associations) to send draft bye-laws prior to holding meetings, there did not appear to be sufficient time for the BCCI legal team to scrutinize the draft bye-laws sent by the KCA prior to the SGM being convened on 26th April 2018.

3. The COA also noted that it had received an email dated 23rd April 2018 from Dr. A. Mohamed Najeeb enclosing a complaint against the KCA for non-implementation of the recommendations of the Hon'ble Justice Lodha Committee and certain other matters.

4. After some further discussion, the COA decided that:

(a) The BCCI legal team should inform the KCA that (i) the correct procedure is to submit amended bye-laws and not draft bye-laws; and (ii) in any case, there isn't sufficient time before the SGM for the BCCI legal team to scrutinize the draft bye-laws of the KCA and provide observations thereon; and

(b) The other matters raised in the complaint made by Dr. A. Mujeeb can be referred to the Ombudsman of the KCA (once appointed).

C. Proposed Elections of Maharashtra Cricket Association

1. The COA was informed that the BCCI legal team has received a copy of the amended constitution of the Maharashtra Cricket Association and the same was in the process of being scrutinized for the purpose of ensuring compliance with the recommendations of the Hon'ble Justice Lodha Committee in terms of the checklist circulated by the COA to all State Association.

2. The COA took note of the above.

D. Next Steps for Compliant State Associations that have not amended their Bye-Laws/ Constitution

1. The COA observed that there are various State Associations that have merely passed a resolution to the effect that they are willing to adopt the recommendations of the Hon'ble Justice Lodha Committee and taken funds from BCCI but have thereafter not taken any steps to actually amend their respective Bye-Laws/ Constitutions.

2. The COA was informed that as far as release of funds by BCCI is concerned, the orders dated 7th October 2016 and 21st October 2016 only require the State

Associations to pass a resolution and file an affidavit in order to have funds released to them by BCCI.

3. After some further discussion, the COA decided that it will address an email to all compliant State Associations (i.e. who have filed resolution and affidavit in terms of the orders dated 7th October 2016 and 21st October 2016 passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court) enquiring about the steps taken by each of them pursuant to passing the said resolution and filing the said affidavit.

E. Points for Implementation by the State Associations

The COA discussed the points for implementation by the State Associations as contained in its email dated 19th March 2018 addressed to the State Associations. It was noted that the said points for implementation are likely to undergo change based on the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court regarding the New BCCI Constitution.

F. Affiliation of an Association from the State of Uttarakhand

1. The COA was informed that pursuant to the email dated 24th April 2018 issued by the COA to all the 4 claimant associations from the State of Uttarakhand, the COA had received an email dated 24th April 2018 from the United Cricket Association, Uttarakhand ("**United CA**") providing its representation. The COA was also informed that the United CA is the only claimant association that had not submitted its representation earlier.

2. After discussion, the COA decided that:

(a) The representation of the United CA should be shared with the other 3 claimant associations from the State of Uttarakhand; and

(b) The COA shall meet with Mr. Prakash Dixit and Mr. Anshuman Gaekwad before calling the 4 claimant associations from the State of Uttarakhand for a hearing.

At this juncture, the CEO informed the COA that Mr. Saba Karim was waiting to join the meeting and suggested that the COA take up the matters where Mr. Saba Karim's presence is required before taking up the other matters. The COA agreed with the said suggestion.

Mr. Saba Karim joined the meeting.

ITEM 4: CRICKETING MATTERS

A. Engagement of Mr. Afzal Khan as Trainer for Women's Team

1. The COA was informed that pursuant to the discussions during the COA meeting held on 27th February 2018, positive feedback had been received from the team and the team management. The COA was also informed that there had been discussions with Mr. Afzal Khan regarding his engagement on an annual contract basis and that Mr. Khan had indicated his willingness for such engagement on certain terms, particulars of which were placed before the COA.

2. After some discussion and based on Mr. Karim's recommendation, the COA approved the engagement of Mr. Afzal Khan as trainer for the women's team on the terms and conditions placed before it.

B. Engagement of Full-Time Bowling Coach for the Women's Team

After discussion, the COA decided that an advertisement should be issued on the BCCI website calling for applications for the appointment of a full-time bowling coach for the women's team.

C. Conflict of Interest of IPL Coaches and Support Staff

1. The COA was informed that the India 'A' Team and the India Under-19 Team are in need of more support staff. However, most of the persons who are qualified for the required positions are currently engaged by the various IPL franchisees for the duration of the IPL. It was suggested that such persons may be engaged with the BCCI as support staff for the India 'A' Team and the India Under-19 Team after the completion of the IPL.

2. It was noted that the COA had already taken a policy decision in line with the New BCCI Conflict of Interest Rules to the effect that the same person cannot be contracted with an IPL franchisee for the duration of the IPL and also be contracted with the BCCI for the period other than the duration of the IPL and this was the very reason why Mr. Rahul Dravid had given up a potential contract with an IPL franchisee and opted to be the Head Coach of the India 'A' Team as well as the India Under-19 Team.

3. It was discussed that it is very difficult for BCCI to conduct cricket operations because most qualified persons are precluded from engagement with the BCCI on account of having contracts with IPL franchisees. It was also discussed that BCCI was earlier following the system of having contracts of 10 months + 2 months with support staff (including Mr. Dravid) and it was that very system which the COA had done away with.

4. The COA was informed that the required positions are not full-time engagements and the option of entering into shorter duration contracts (including on a series by series basis) provided the same do not coincide with the IPL was discussed. It was discussed that this may be done provided that the concerned person has no subsisting contract with any IPL franchisee at the relevant time. For example, if a person has a contract with an IPL franchisee for more than one IPL season, such person cannot be contracted with BCCI between two IPL seasons even if such person's contract with the concerned IPL franchisee enables him/ her to take up other employment during that intervening period. However, if a person's contract with the IPL franchisee has expired after an IPL season (i.e. such person's contract with the IPL franchisee does not cover the next IPL season), such person may be contracted by BCCI.

5. After some further discussion, the COA decided that the General Manager (Cricket Operations) should ascertain which persons may be approached for engagement as support staff for short durations and come back to the COA with specific recommendations for each of the required positions along with details of the relevant persons' other engagements (including with IPL franchisees) so that an appropriate decision can be taken in each case considering the New BCCI Conflict of Interest Rules.

D. Remuneration of Selectors

1. The COA was informed that pursuant to COA meeting held on 12th April 2018, a proposal for increase in remuneration of selectors had been prepared and circulated as follows:

   (a) the remuneration of the members of Men's Senior Selection Committee be increased to Rs. 90 lakhs per annum and that of the Chairman of the Men's Senior Selection Committee be increased to Rs. 1 crore per annum;

   (b) the remuneration of the members of the Men's Junior Selection Committee be increased to Rs. 60 lakhs per annum and that of the Chairman of the Men's Junior Selection Committee be increased to Rs. 65 lakhs per annum; and

   (c) the remuneration of the members of the Women's Selection Committee be increased to Rs. 25 lakhs per annum and that of the Chairwoman of the Women's Selection Committee be increased to Rs. 30 lakhs.

2. The COA was also informed that:

   (a) as discussed during the COA meeting held on 12th April 2018, the proposed increase in remuneration will be applicable with effect from 1st October 2017 because the tenure of the Selection Committees would have come to an end at

the Annual General Meeting ("**AGM**") that would ordinarily have been held on or before 30th September 2017;

(b) as discussed during the COA meeting held on 12th April 2018, these terms would be applicable only to those 3 selectors of each of the selection committees who had continued to render services after the strength of the said committees had been reduced from 5 to 3 and who would continue till the next AGM of BCCI; and

(c) since the Chairman of the Men's Junior Selection Committee would commence his duties from 19th April 2018, the remuneration payable to him would commence from that date instead of 1st October 2017.

3. After some further discussion and based on Mr. Saba Karim's recommendation, the COA approved the above increase in the remuneration of selectors.

E. Recommendations of the Technical Committee pursuant to its Meeting held on 16th April 2018

The COA was informed that a meeting of the Technical Committee had been held on 16th April 2018 and a note containing the recommendations made by the Technical Committee at the said meeting was presented to the COA.

(1) RANJI TROPHY FORMAT FOR 2018-2019 SEASON:

1. The COA was informed that the Technical Committee has recommended having 4 groups in the Ranji Trophy for the 2018-2019 season with the introduction of pre-quarter-finals on a home and away basis. The COA was also informed of the other alternative formats that had been considered by the Technical Committee.

2. The order dated 4th January 2018 passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in terms of which it has been directed that Bihar shall be eligible to participate in Ranji Trophy and similar such tournaments was referred to. It was discussed that as per the LC Report and the judgment dated 18th July 2016 passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court ("**Judgment**"), Bihar as well as associations from States that are currently represented by Associate Members and/or Affiliate Members and/or not represented at all are required to be made Full Members of BCCI. Accordingly, in the event the New BCCI Constitution is brought into effect prior to the commencement of the 2018-2019 domestic season, the entire schedule may have to be changed to accommodate teams from the aforementioned States. In such a situation, there may be too many teams to accommodate in only 3 groups and 4 groups may be necessary. It was noted that the issue of inclusion of additional teams is an important one that has to be considered separately and only the format of the Ranji Trophy for the 2018-2019 may be

considered in-principle for the time being, subject to a decision on the inclusion of additional teams.

3. After some further discussion, the COA decided that the format of the Ranji Trophy for the 2018-2019 season shall, in-principle and subject to a decision on the inclusion of additional teams, be as follows:

(a) There will be 3 groups as in the 2016-2017 season with the top 20 teams being divided between Groups A and B and the remaining 9 teams being placed in Group C as per the 2017-2018 rankings;

(b) The top 3 teams each from Groups A and B as well as the top 2 teams from Group C will qualify for the knock-out stage; and

(c) There will be relegation and promotion between Groups at the end of each season.

(2) FORMAT OF JUNIOR MEN'S TOURNAMENTS:

1. The COA was informed that the Technical Committee had recommended that the format of domestic age-group tournaments (i.e. under-23, under-19 and under-16) should be the same as the format of the Ranji Trophy.

2. It was noted that the Acting Secretary's email dated 17th April 2018 to the COA communicating the main decisions taken during the meeting of the Technical Committee held on 16th April 2018 only refers to the under-19 and under-23 junior men's tournaments and not to under-16. However, it was clarified that the applicability of the proposed Ranji Trophy format to all men's age group tournaments (including under-16 junior men's tournament) was discussed and recommended by the Technical Committee.

3. After some discussion and based on the recommendation of the Technical Committee as explained by Mr. Saba Karim, the COA decided that the format of domestic age-group tournaments (i.e. under-23, under-19 and under-16) should be the same as the format of the Ranji Trophy.

(3) SEQUENCE OF TOURNAMENTS IN THE 2018-2019 DOMESTIC SEASON:

1. The COA was informed that the Technical Committee had recommended the following sequence of tournaments in the 2018-2019 domestic season viz. Duleep Trophy, Vijay Hazare Trophy, Ranji Trophy (League Phase), Mushtaq Ali T20 Trophy, Ranji Trophy (Knockout Phase), Irani Trophy and Deodhar Trophy.

2. It was noted that the Acting Secretary's email dated 17th April 2018 to the COA communicating the main decisions taken during the meeting of the Technical Committee held on 16th April 2018 does not mention Irani Trophy in the sequence of tournaments. However, it was clarified that having the Irani Trophy after the Ranji Trophy (Knockout Phase) and before the Deodhar Trophy was discussed and recommended by the Technical Committee.

3. It was discussed that the rationale for playing the Irani Trophy match after the Ranji Trophy is to ensure that the best domestic team (which has just won Ranji Trophy) gets to play in the Irani Trophy against the Rest of India team.

4. After some further discussion and based on the recommendation of the Technical Committee as explained by Mr. Saba Karim, the COA decided that the sequence of tournaments in the 2018-2019 domestic season shall be in the following order viz. Duleep Trophy, Vijay Hazare Trophy, Ranji Trophy (League Phase), Mushtaq Ali T20 Trophy, Ranji Trophy (Knockout Phase), Irani Trophy and Deodhar Trophy.

(4) FORMAT OF VIJAY HAZARE TROPHY:

1. The COA was informed that the Technical Committee had recommended that the format of the Vijay Hazare Trophy should remain the same as in season 2017-2018.

2. It was noted that the Acting Secretary's email dated 17th April 2018 to the COA communicating the main decisions taken during the meeting of the Technical Committee held on 16th April 2018 does not mention this decision. However, it was clarified that the matter was discussed during the meeting of the Technical Committee.

3. The COA discussed the option of having a super-league stage in the Vijay Hazare Trophy if time permits. However, after discussion, the COA decided that the format of the Vijay Hazare Trophy shall remain unchanged, as recommended by the Technical Committee.

(5) FORMAT OF MUSHTAQ ALI T20 TOURNAMENT:

1. The COA was informed that the Technical Committee had recommended that the Mushtaq Ali T20 should have semi-finals after the super-league stage.

2. After discussion, the COA accepted the Technical Committee's recommendation that the Mushtaq Ali T20 should have semi-finals after the super-league stage.

(6) FORMAT OF DULEEP TROPHY:

1. The COA was informed that the Technical Committee had recommended that the Duleep Trophy be played with 4 teams using the Pink Kookaburra Ball and that each of the teams will represent the four Ranji Trophy groups.

2. It was pointed out that since there will only be 3 groups in the Ranji Trophy format decided by the COA, the Duleep Trophy would also need to be played with only 3 teams.

3. After some further discussion, the COA decided that the Duleep Trophy should be played with 3 teams with each of the teams representing the 3 groups of Ranji Trophy.

(7) FORMAT OF DEODHAR TROPHY:

1. The COA was informed that the Technical Committee had recommended that the Deodhar Trophy should have 4 teams, 1 each from the 4 groups of Ranji Trophy.

2. It was pointed out that since there will only be 3 groups in the Ranji Trophy format decided by the COA, the Deodhar Trophy would also need to be played with only 3 teams.

3. After some further discussion, the COA decided that the Deodhar Trophy should be played with 3 teams, 1 each from 3 groups of Ranji Trophy.

(8) INCLUSION OF BIHAR IN RANJI TROPHY:

1. The COA was informed that the Technical Committee had unanimously approved the inclusion of Bihar in the Ranji Trophy for the 2018-2019 season. However, the Technical Committee felt that in view of the Judgment, the north-eastern associate and affiliate members should also be considered for inclusion in the Ranji Trophy.

2. After some further discussion and based on Mr. Karim's recommendation, the COA decided that Bihar will play Ranji Trophy and all age group tournaments in the main draw while the north-eastern associate and affiliate members will play all age-group tournaments amongst themselves after which a combined team will play in the main draw except in Ranji Trophy and other senior tournaments. However, the COA also decided that it would take a final decision on the issue after the hearing on 11th May 2018 and after considering any further developments that may take place in the Hon'ble Supreme Court in relation to the New BCCI Constitution.

(9) IMPLEMENTATION OF ICC PLAYING CONDITIONS:

1. The COA was informed that the Technical Committee had recommended that the ICC playing conditions be implemented for the domestic season 2018-2019.

2. It was noted that the Acting Secretary's email dated 17th April 2018 to the COA communicating the main decisions taken during the meeting of the Technical Committee held on 16th April 2018 does not mention this decision. However, it was clarified that implementation of the ICC playing conditions for the domestic season 2018-2019 was discussed and recommended by the Technical Committee.

3. After some discussion and based on the recommendation of the Technical Committee as explained by Mr. Saba Karim, the COA decided that the ICC playing conditions should be implemented for the domestic season 2018-2019.

(10) WOMEN'S TOURNAMENTS:

1. The COA was informed that the Technical Committee had accepted the proposal of the Women's Cricket Committee to discontinue multi-day tournaments and introduce the following shorter format tournaments:

   (a) For Senior Women, One Day and T20 tournaments (same as corresponding Senior Men's tournaments) and Challenger Trophy (One Day Matches) between 3 teams plus 1 visiting team (each team playing every other team twice);

   (b) For Under-23 Women, One Day and T20 tournaments (same as corresponding Under-23 Men's tournaments); and

   (c) For Under-19 Women, One Day and T20 tournaments (same as corresponding Under-19 Men's tournaments) and Challenger Trophy (One Day Matches) between 3 teams (each team playing every other team twice).

2. It was noted that the Acting Secretary's email dated 17th April 2018 to the COA communicating the main decisions taken during the meeting of the Technical Committee held on 16th April 2018 does not mention this decision. However, it was clarified that this must be an oversight since the matter was discussed and recommended by the Technical Committee.

3. After some discussion, the COA accepted the above proposal(s) of the Women's Cricket Committee (as accepted by the Technical Committee).

(11) RESTRICTION ON PARTICIPATION IN UNDER-19 WOMEN'S CRICKET:

1. The COA was informed that the Technical Committee had recommended that a person should be allowed to play Under-19 Women's cricket for a maximum of 4 years.

2. It was noted that the Acting Secretary's email dated 17th April 2018 to the COA communicating the main decisions taken during the meeting of the Technical Committee held on 16th April 2018 does not mention this decision. However, it was clarified that the matter was discussed and recommended by the Technical Committee.

3. After some discussion and based on the recommendation of the Technical Committee and Mr. Karim, the COA decided that a person should be allowed to play Under-19 Women's cricket for a maximum of 4 years.

(12) ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR PLAYERS FORMING PART OF RAILWAYS AND SERVICES TEAMS:

1. The COA was informed that the Technical Committee had recommended that the Railways and Services teams participating in BCCI tournaments at the Senior and Under-23 level should comprise only of their respective permanent employees.

2. It was noted that the Acting Secretary's email dated 17th April 2018 to the COA communicating the main decisions taken during the meeting of the Technical Committee held on 16th April 2018 does not mention this decision. However, it was clarified that the matter was discussed and recommended by the Technical Committee.

3. After discussion, the COA decided Railways and Services teams participating in BCCI tournaments (at all levels) should comprise only of their respective permanent employees.

(13) PROVISION OF 5TH DAY/ 6TH DAY FOR KNOCKOUT MATCHES:

1. The COA was informed that the Technical Committee had recommended the continuation of the existing provision for a 5th day (for 4-day matches)/ 6th day (for 5-day matches) in knockout matches of domestic multi-day tournaments.

2. It was noted that the Acting Secretary's email dated 17th April 2018 to the COA communicating the main decisions taken during the meeting of the Technical Committee held on 16th April 2018 does not mention this decision. However, it was clarified that the matter was discussed during the meeting of the Technical Committee.

3. The COA was informed that the rationale behind having a provision for 5th/ 6th day is that in cases where no result is obtained over the scheduled 4/ 5 days of a multi-day knockout match (including on account of rain), an extra day helps in attempting to obtain a result. It was noted that if there is no result even after the extra day, the match is decide based on quotient/ net run rate/ spin of coin at the end of the extra day. Mr.

Karim recommended doing away with the provision of 5th/ 6th day for knockout matches and instead decide the match based on quotient/ net run rate/ spin of coin as is the international practice.

4. After some further discussion and considering the recommendation of Mr. Kaim as well as the additional cost/ difficulty in provisioning for an extra day for each knockout match in domestic multi-day tournaments, the COA decided that there should be no provision for a 5th day (for 4-day matches)/ 6th day (for 5-day matches) in knockout matches of domestic multi-day tournaments and the match should instead be decided based on quotient/ net run rate/ spin of coin as is the international practice.

(14) CRICKET BALLS TO BE USED IN DOMESTIC TOURNAMENTS:

1. The COA was informed that the Technical Committee had recommended that:

(a) SG Test LE white balls should be used for Under-19 tournaments, Under-23 tournaments, Women's tournaments and the Deodhar Trophy;

(b) Kookaburra Turf balls should be used for the Vijay Hazare Trophy and the Mushtaq Ali T20 Trophy;

(c) SG Test red balls should be used for all age groups; and

(d) Pink balls should be used for Duleep Trophy.

2. It was noted that the Acting Secretary's email dated 17th April 2018 to the COA communicating the main decisions taken during the meeting of the Technical Committee held on 16th April 2018 does not mention this decision. However, it was clarified that the matter was discussed and recommended by the Technical Committee as aforesaid.

3. After discussion, the COA accepted the aforesaid recommendations of the Technical Committee.

F. Naming of Women's Tournaments

1. The COA was informed that pursuant to the discussions during the COA meeting held on 27th February 2018, a few suggested names for the domestic tournaments for women were being placed before the COA.

2. After discussion, the COA decided that the suggested names for the domestic tournaments for women may be shared with the office bearers for their inputs/ thoughts thereon as also any additional suggestions that the office bearers may have.