

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF ADMINISTRATORS  
HELD ON 30<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2018 AT HOTEL ITC MAURYA, NEW DELHI**

Mr. Vinod Rai – Chairman  
Ms. Diana Edulji  
Mr. Santosh Rangnekar – BCCI CFO  
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Mr. Adarsh Saxena (Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas)  
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The COA decided that certain matters under the heading 'Any other matter' be taken up first.

**ITEM 3: ANY OTHER MATTER**

**A. Extension of One Time Benefit for Retired First Class Cricketers**

1. The COA was briefed on the existing BCCI policy relating to payment of One Time Benefit ("OTB") to retired cricketers, where the amount paid depended on the number of matches played by the cricketer. The amount already paid to players who have played 75 first class matches and above and the financial impact of extending the OTB policy to those cricketers who have played between 25 to 74 first class matches was discussed.
2. The COA noted the minutes of the COA meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2017, wherein the COA had discussed the issue of OTB for cricketers who have played between 50 to 74 first class matches and noted the decision taken during the meeting of the Working Committee held on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2015 to the effect that BCCI should not take any decision on the issue till there is clarity on the liabilities of 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 BCCI before taking any decision on this issue. The COA also noted that pursuant to the above discussion, the COA had decided to refer the issue to the office bearers.
3. After some further discussion, the COA decided that BCCI should follow up with the office bearers/ Finance Committee and enquire whether they require any information/ data to take the matter forward.

**B. Enhancement of Pension to Retired First Class and International Cricketers**

1. The COA was briefed on the existing BCCI policy relating to payment of pension to retired first class and international cricketers. The number of players to whom BCCI currently pays pension and the monthly/ annual cost to BCCI on account of the same was discussed. The financial outlay if the pension is increased was also discussed.

2. It was noted that the previous revision in pension was done in 2015 and, prior to 2015, it had been revised in 2009. It was also noted that the existing BCCI policy does not specify any time period after which revision in pension is to be considered. It was further noted that the decision taken by the COA on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2017 relates only to OTB and does not cover this issue.
3. The option of each State Association making payments towards pension to retired cricketers residing in their respective jurisdictions was discussed. It was discussed that if such a suggestion were to be implemented, there is likely to be disparity in the amount that each State Association would have to spend towards pension since the number of retired cricketers residing in the jurisdiction of each State Association is unlikely to be uniform. It was noted that if such a suggestion is to be implemented, it will need to be built into the Fund Disbursement Policy that is required to be framed in terms of the recommendations contained in the report submitted by the Hon'ble Justice Lodha Committee ("**LC Report**"), as accepted by the Hon'ble Supreme Court vide judgment dated 18<sup>th</sup> July 2016 ("**Judgment**").
4. It was discussed that the LC Report and the Judgment contemplate decentralizing cricketing operations and handing over the charge of making pension payments to retired cricketers to the State Associations would be in keeping with the same.
5. After some further discussion, the COA decided that the Finance Committee should be requested to provide its recommendations on the following issues:
  - (a) The time period after which any revision in the quantum of pension will be considered; and
  - (b) The extent to which State Associations can be given a greater role in implementing a policy in relation to pension for retired cricketers.

C. Currency in which Daily Allowance for Foreign Travel should be paid

1. The COA was informed that as per the existing travel policy framed prior to the COA having assumed charge, the daily allowance payable to players is USD 125 but there appears to be some confusion about whether the said daily allowance is to be calculated based on the currency of the country being visited or whether it is to be calculated in USD irrespective of the country being visited. More specifically, clarification regarding whether the daily allowance for a visit to the United Kingdom would be USD 125 per day or GBP 125 per day.
2. It was discussed that the quantum of daily allowance in terms of outflow from BCCI must remain the same irrespective of the country being visited but the actual

disbursement of daily allowance may be made in the currency of the country being visited.

3. After some further discussion, the COA decided that:
  - (a) The daily allowance will remain USD 125 per day irrespective of the country being visited; and
  - (b) However, the daily allowance may be disbursed in equivalent amount of the currency of the country being visited. For example, if the country being visited is the United Kingdom, the daily allowance will be the GBP equivalent of USD 125 per day and not GBP 125 per day.

## **ITEM 2: IMPLEMENTATION OF REFORMS AND MATTERS RELATING THERETO**

### **A. Personal Hearing to Telangana Cricket Association and Hyderabad Cricket Association**

1. The COA noted that pursuant to the order dated 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2018 read with the order dated 4<sup>th</sup> May 2018 passed by the Hon'ble Bombay High Court in a Writ Petition ("Petition") filed by the Telangana Cricket Association ("TCA"), the COA is required to decide the applications made by the TCA to BCCI seeking Associate Membership. The COA noted the correspondence addressed by the COA to the TCA and the Hyderabad Cricket Association ("HCA") and the fact that the TCA and the HCA have made written submissions.

Four representatives of the TCA (namely Advocate Mr. Karan D. Bhosale, Advocate Ms. Nikita Menon, Mr. Dharam Guruva Reddy and Lt. Col. Pragathi Kumar Achanta) as well as four representatives of the HCA (namely Advocate Mr. Ananya Bhattacharjee, Advocate Mr. Mukund P. Unny, Dr. G. Vivekanand and Mr. V. Agan Rao) joined the meeting.

2. The COA heard the submissions made by the respective representatives of the TCA and the HCA in the presence of each other. Thereafter, the COA said that it would take a decision in the matter and communicate the same to the TCA and the HCA within the timeframe stipulated by the Hon'ble Bombay High Court.

Advocate Mr. Karan D. Bhosale, Advocate Ms. Nikita Menon, Mr. Dharam Guruva Reddy, Lt. Col. Pragathi Kumar Achanta, Advocate Mr. Ananya Bhattacharjee, Advocate Mr. Mukund P. Unny and Mr. V. Agan Rao left the meeting.

The COA decided that the remaining matters may be taken up before the personal hearing of the Association of Chhattisgarh Cricket and the Chhattisgarh State Cricket Sangh commences.

**ITEM 1: CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF ADMINISTRATORS HELD ON 12<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2018**

1. The COA was informed that pursuant to the COA meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2018 during which certain additional corrections were made by the COA in the draft minutes of the COA meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2018, the said additional corrections had been carried out and the corrected minutes are being placed before the COA for approval.
2. The COA perused the draft minutes of the COA meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2018 and confirmed that the additional corrections made by the COA during the COA meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2018 have been incorporated therein.
3. Accordingly, the COA decided that the Chairman shall sign the minutes after which the signed minutes should be put up on the BCCI website in the interest of transparency.

**ITEM 3: ANY OTHER MATTER (CONTINUED)**

Ms. Karina Kripalani joined via tele-conference.

**D. Proceedings filed by ex-employees of the National Cricket Academy**

1. The COA was informed that 2 ex-employees of National Cricket Academy (“NCA”), who were earlier employed as drivers, had filed proceedings in the Labour Court alleging wrongful termination and was briefed on the status of the said proceedings as well as the fact that the option of a one-time settlement is being discussed.
2. After some further discussion, the COA issued necessary instructions in relation to the stand to be taken by BCCI in the said proceedings and decided that the issue of a potential one-time settlement with the aforementioned ex-employees should be referred to the BCCI office bearers for their view and further action.

**E. Supply of equipment to Karnataka State Cricket Association and Assam Cricket Association**

1. The COA was informed that the Karnataka State Cricket Association (“KSCA”) has requested for funds to purchase of equipment for cricketing activities. A similar request has also been received from Assam Cricket Association (“ACA”).

2. It was noted that neither the KSCA nor the ACA have either amended their respective constitutions or complied with the orders dated 7<sup>th</sup> October 2016 and 21<sup>st</sup> October 2016 passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court. Accordingly, it was discussed that payments to the KSCA and/or the ACA ought to be in terms of the relevant decisions taken by the COA regarding payments for cricket operations, including the decisions taken during the COA meetings held on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2017 and 27<sup>th</sup> September 2017.
3. After some further discussion, the COA decided that:
  - (a) The CFO should request the KSCA and the ACA to provide details of the equipment that they intend to purchase; and
  - (b) Once the said details are provided by the KSCA and the ACA, payments for the same may be made in accordance with the existing COA directions/decisions relating to payments for cricket operations.

F. Request from Maharashtra Cricket Association for Disbursement of Funds

1. The COA was informed that the Maharashtra Cricket Association ("MCA") has requested for disbursement of funds.
2. After discussion, the COA decided that the COA will consider the request made by the MCA at a later date.

**ITEM 2: IMPLEMENTATION OF REFORMS AND MATTERS RELATING THERETO (CONTINUED)**

B. Personal Hearing to Association of Chhattisgarh Cricket and Chhattisgarh State Cricket Sangh

1. The COA noted that pursuant to the order dated 29<sup>th</sup> November 2017 passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court, the COA had addressed an email dated 6<sup>th</sup> January 2018 requesting the Association of Chhattisgarh Cricket ("ACC") to provide its written submissions/ arguments (with supporting documents) as to why the recognition/ affiliation granted to the Chhattisgarh State Cricket Sangh ("CSCS") in 2008 should now be withdrawn/ cancelled. The COA also noted that on receipt of the written submissions/ arguments on behalf of the ACC, the COA had forwarded the same to the CSCS requesting that written submissions/ arguments in response, may be provided at the earliest.

Four representatives of the ACC (namely Advocate Mr. Rahul Mehra, Advocate Ms. Neha Sangwan, Mr. Ashish Dube and Mr. Vishwa Swaroop Mishra) as well as four representatives of the CSCS (namely Advocate Mr. Rajesh Shrivastava, Mr. Sameer Shrivastava, Mr. Rajesh Dave and Mr. B. S. Bhatia) joined the meeting.

2. The COA heard the submissions made by the respective representatives of the ACC and the CSCS in the presence of each other. Thereafter, the COA said that it would take a decision in the matter and communicate the same to the ACC and the CSCS.

Mr. Rahul Mehra, Advocate Ms. Neha Sangwan, Mr. Ashish Dube, Mr. Vishwa Swaroop Mishra, Advocate Mr. Rajesh Shrivastava, Mr. Sameer Shrivastava, Mr. Rajesh Dave and Mr. Baldeo Singh Bhatia left the meeting.

Meeting concluded.

