

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF ADMINISTRATORS  
HELD ON 27<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2018 AT HOTEL MARRIOTT AEROCITY, NEW DELHI**

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**ITEM 1: MATTERS ARISING OUT OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

- A. Follow Up on Discussions during COA Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> August 2018 – Update on Asia Cup
1. The COA was informed that the agreement(s) for conducting the Asia Cup in the United Arab Emirates (“UAE”) are now in place and the tournament is scheduled to be held in September 2018. Since certain persons/ employees of BCCI would need to travel to the UAE for this tournament, as per earlier directions of the COA, a list of such persons/ employees will be circulated to the COA for approval.
  2. The COA was further informed that all invoices in relation to the tournament are going to be vetted by a Foreign Exchange Management Act (“FEMA”) consultant as well as a Goods and Services Tax (“GST”) consultant to ensure that all necessary compliances are in place.
  3. After some further discussion, the COA took note of the above and decided that the a list of persons/ employees from BCCI who are required to travel to the UAE for the Asia Cup 2018 should be circulated for the COA’s approval.
- B. Follow Up on Discussions during COA Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2018 – Proposal for Strengthening of the Anti-Corruption Unit
1. The COA was informed that with the addition of the 9 new State Associations/ teams in domestic cricket, the number of domestic matches have increased from 900 to approximately 2000 matches in a domestic season. The Anti-Corruption Unit (“ACU”) is responsible for overseeing these matches and is also responsible for conducting education programs for the participating teams and organisers as well as for enforcing the Anti-Corruption Code. In view thereof, a proposal for revising the structure of the ACU was presented for the COA’s review and approval.



2. The COA was informed that the proposed revised structure envisaged a senior Inspector General (“IG”)/ Deputy Inspector General (“DIG”) level officer in each of the 5 zones who would supervise the investigation/ inquiries, collection of intelligence and liaise with the local police authorities and wherever required, try and get operations organised through the local police authorities. The COA was informed that the ACU currently has a Regional Integrity Manager (“RIM”) each for the North Zone and the South Zone and that the proposal envisages that RIMs should be appointed for the remaining 3 zones as well. It was explained to the COA that the proposal also envisages that a Senior Investigating Officer, Information/ Operations Manager and an Executive Assistant-cum-Admin Officer based out of Mumbai will be recruited as part of the ACU. Accordingly, the total strength of the ACU would increase to 13 persons.
3. It was discussed that the process to be followed for these appointments in the ACU is extremely important as are the qualifications, eligibility criteria, etc. The proposed locations at out of which the ACU officials in each zone will function were also discussed as was the need to check the logistics of arranging offices at the suggested locations. It was discussed that for each zone, the zonal office of the ACU should be located at a place which falls within the said zone itself.
4. It was discussed that the steps proposed to be taken by BCCI to strengthen the ACU should be mentioned in the report that is to be submitted to the Hon’ble Supreme Court pursuant to the order dated 7<sup>th</sup> May 2018 passed by the Hon’ble Supreme Court in the Writ Petition filed by Mr. Atul Kumar and Mr. Shantanu Guha Ray.
5. After some further discussion, the COA decided that:
  - (a) The revised structure of the ACU (as proposed by Mr. Ajit Singh is approved and job descriptions for recruitment to the vacant posts should be prepared and circulated to the COA for approval;
  - (b) Subject to the CEO ascertaining the availability of Mr. A. N. Roy, the interview panel for the aforesaid recruitments shall comprise of the members of the COA, the CEO, Mr. Ajit Singh and Mr. A. N. Roy; and
  - (c) The aforementioned steps proposed to be taken by BCCI to strengthen the ACU should be mentioned in the report that is to be submitted to the Hon’ble Supreme Court pursuant to the order dated 7<sup>th</sup> May 2018 passed by the Hon’ble Supreme Court in the Writ Petition filed by Mr. Atul Kumar and Mr. Shantanu Guha Ray.

At this juncture, the COA decided to take up the matter pertaining to the report in The Indian Express on bookie links.



### ITEM 3: CRICKETING MATTERS

#### A. Indian Express Report on Bookie Links

1. With reference to the news report in The Indian Express dated 24<sup>th</sup> August 2018, the COA was informed that the Hon'ble Justice Mudgal Committee, which had been constituted primarily to look into the allegations of betting and spot fixing in 2013 IPL matches, had submitted a confidential report to the Hon'ble Supreme Court naming 13 persons who required further investigation. The Hon'ble Supreme had, at that time, revealed only those portions of the said confidential report which dealt with 4 out of those 13 persons for the purpose of enabling the said persons to respond to the same and the remaining portions of the said confidential report (which relate to the other 9 persons) has been retained by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in a sealed cover. The COA was informed that since Mr. B. B. Misra was assisting the Hon'ble Justice Mudgal Committee at the time by conducting investigations, he must be aware of who the other 9 persons are and his statements which have been quoted in the aforementioned news report are likely a reference to the fact that no further investigation has been directed in respect of these other 9 persons.
2. The COA was informed that as per the aforesaid and other similar news reports, during the investigations conducted by Mr. Misra under the Hon'ble Justice Mudgal Committee, a bookie had revealed that certain renowned Indian players are involved in fixing but the same bookie had subsequently retracted his statements on the issue. The COA was also informed that no information/ material relating to this is available with the ACU. However, it was discussed that since Justice R. M. Lodha (Retd.) has publicly suggested that the COA should look into this matter, it must be looked into.
3. After some further discussion, the COA decided that the ACU should look into the statements made by Mr. B. B. Misra (as reported in the media) and while doing so, ACU may reach out to Mr. Misra to ascertain what information/ material is in his possession which can assist the ACU in taking the matter further.

#### B. Vendors List for IPL 2018

1. The vendors list for IPL Season 2018 was placed before the COA and it was pointed out to the COA that the scope of services/ goods to be supplied by some of these vendors also pertains to the non-IPL activities of BCCI as well. The COA was informed that these vendors have already been engaged and the contract value for each of these vendors is above Rs. 25 lakhs. However, since prior approval of the COA in terms of earlier directions/ decisions of the COA had inadvertently not been sought in relation to these contracts, these contracts are now being placed before the COA for ratification.



2. After some discussion, the COA decided that the Finance Team should verify the details/ information regarding each of vendors on the list as well as look into the process of their selection/ engagement and thereafter place its report before the COA for appropriate decision.

C. Vendor List for Production

1. The vendors list for production was placed before the COA and the COA was informed that, like the list of vendors for IPL Season 2018, these vendors have also already been engaged and the contract value for each of these vendors is above Rs. 25 lakhs. However, since prior approval of the COA in terms of earlier directions/ decisions of the COA had inadvertently not been sought in relation to these contracts, these contracts are now being placed before the COA for ratification.
2. After some discussion, the COA decided that the Finance Team should verify the details/ information regarding each of vendors on the list as well as look into the process of their selection/ engagement and thereafter place its report before the COA for appropriate decision.

**ITEM 4: LEGAL MATTERS**

A. Email from Mr. Rajeev Shukla

1. The COA's attention was drawn to the email dated 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2018 addressed by Mr. Rajeev Shukla to the CEO and the COA was informed that in the said email, Mr. Rajeev Shukla has referred to the fact that the Ombudsman of BCCI has already given a clean chit to the association between BAG Films and Star India Private Limited ("**Star**"). The said email also states that Hotstar is an OTT platform owned by Star and is keen to distribute 2 channels operated by BAG Films (namely News24 and E24). The said email clarifies that since BAG Films will not be earning any revenue from Hotstar, BCCI should not have an objection to the above arrangement.
2. The COA's attention was drawn to the email dated 18<sup>th</sup> June 2018 from Ms. Annuradha Prasad Shukla (on behalf of BAG Films) requesting for a No Objection Certificate ("**NOC**") from BCCI in relation to the same arrangement with Hotstar and it was pointed out to the COA that the CEO had (as directed by the COA) already sent a response dated 31<sup>st</sup> July 2018 to Ms. Annuradha Prasad Shukla stating that BCCI does not have any practice or policy of issuing NOCs, and accordingly, the same cannot be issued. The said response had also suggested that, in case there is any apprehension of conflict of interest, Mr. Rajeev Shukla may be asked to make a complete disclosure of all material facts.
3. The COA noted that as per the directions dated 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2018 issued by the COA, all committees of BCCI except the Cricket Advisory Committee ("**CAC**") and the

duly reconstituted Selection Committees have been dissolved. Accordingly, since Mr. Rajeev Shukla is no longer holding any position in BCCI such as Chairman of IPL Governing Council or member of any other Committee, it may not be appropriate to seek any disclosure from Mr. Rajeev Shukla as per the new Memorandum of Association and Rules and Regulations of BCCI ("**New BCCI Constitution**") since that is required only from those who are holding a post/ position in BCCI.

4. After some further discussion, the COA decided that since Mr. Rajeev Shukla is no longer holding any post/ position in BCCI, there is no need to respond to his email dated 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2018, especially since the said email does not request for any NOC from BCCI.

At this juncture, the COA decided to take up certain related matters arising out of the New BCCI Constitution.

#### **ITEM 6: ANY OTHER MATTER**

##### A. Disclosure(s) relating to Conflict of Interest under the New BCCI Constitution

1. The COA's attention was drawn to Rule 38 of the New BCCI Constitution and it was pointed out to the COA that the same requires that within a period of 15 days of taking office under the BCCI, every individual shall disclose in writing to the Apex Council any existing or potential event that may be deemed to cause a Conflict of Interest (as defined in the New BCCI Constitution) and the same shall be uploaded on the website of BCCI. In case of incumbents (i.e. existing employees, office bearers, etc.), such disclosure is required to be made within 90 days from the date on which the New BCCI Constitution comes into force.
2. After some discussion, the COA decided that the CEO should address an email to all the employees of BCCI seeking a disclosure in terms of the conflict of interest provisions under the New BCCI Constitution.

##### B. Implementation of Measures relating to Transparency

1. The COA's attention was drawn to Rule 37(1) of the New BCCI Constitution and it was pointed out to the COA that the same *inter alia* requires the New BCCI Constitution as well as all other "*resolutions, orders and memoranda of the BCCI (including the Apex Council and the General Body)*" to be available on the website of BCCI. Rule 37(2) separately requires the composition of the various Committees (including the Governing Council), their reports of work done, financial outlay and expenditure to be uploaded on the website of BCCI on a quarterly basis with distinct links dedicated to each Committee and makes it the responsibility of the CEO to ensure that this is done.



2. Reference was made to the decision taken by the COA during the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2018 to the effect that minutes of every meeting of every committee/ sub-committee and General Body of BCCI held after 30<sup>th</sup> January 2017 should be uploaded on the BCCI website after redacting any sensitive and/or confidential information contained therein, which redactions should be approved by the COA before being carried out. It was discussed that it is important to ensure that these steps are taken at the earliest.
3. After some further discussion, the COA decided that the CEO should take all necessary steps to ensure compliance with the provisions of the New BCCI Constitution relating to transparency as well as earlier COA decisions on the subject.

C. Matters pending with Office Bearers and Committees

1. The COA was informed that it has, from time to time, referred various matters to different committees of BCCI for their recommendation/ inputs. However, as per the directions dated 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2018 issued by COA, all committees of BCCI except the CAC and the duly reconstituted Selection Committees have been dissolved/ disbanded. Accordingly, the COA needs to take a decision on the matters which had earlier been referred to such dissolved/ disbanded committees and were pending with the said committees at the time they were dissolved/ disbanded.
2. It was pointed out to the COA that the directions dated 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2018 issued by the COA already provide that if there is any urgent matter that cannot wait for the appropriate committee under the New BCCI Constitution to be formed, the same may be brought to the COA or the COA may constitute an ad-hoc committee comprising of persons who meet the relevant criteria stipulated in the New BCCI Constitution to assist the COA in taking such urgent decision. It was discussed that the same approach can also be adopted by the COA in relation to matters which have already been referred to a committee which now stands dissolved/ disbanded as per the directions issued by the COA.
3. It was discussed that while the present office bearers are also not elected in terms of the New BCCI Constitution, till such time as the BCCI elections are held as per the New BCCI Constitution, the existing arrangement of the office bearers continuing to function under the supervision and control of the COA as per the orders dated 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2017 and 30<sup>th</sup> January 2017 would need to continue. It was noted that this is the reason why only the committees (other than the CAC and the duly reconstituted Selection Committees) have been dissolved/ disbanded and not the office bearers.
4. It was pointed out to the COA that various matters are pending with the office bearers as well and the COA needs to take a decision on those issues also. It was discussed that matters pending with office bearers have to be dealt with differently from matters pending with the committees which have now been dissolved/ disbanded.

Accordingly, the COA took up each pending matter one by one in order to take an appropriate decision.

(1) MATTERS RELATING TO ANTI-DOPING:

1. Reference was made to the issue of whether BCCI should permit the National Anti-Doping Agency (“NADA”) to conduct tests in respect of Indian cricketers and the COA was informed that the issue appears to be stuck on the requirement for BCCI to provide whereabouts of Indian cricketers.
2. It was pointed out to the COA that this issue is exactly the same issue on which BCCI has previously resisted and caused the International Cricket Council (“ICC”) to take a tough stand vis-à-vis the World Anti-Doping Agency (“WADA”). It was discussed that BCCI’s stand at the time appears to have been based on the need to protect confidentiality of data relating to the whereabouts of Indian cricketers. It was discussed that BCCI should only consider changing the above stand after considering all relevant factors and ensuring that all the concerns which had caused BCCI to resist coming under the jurisdiction of NADA are suitably addressed to the satisfaction of all stakeholders, especially the Indian cricketers whose data may be made available to NADA in case there is a change in BCCI’s stand.
3. It was pointed out to the COA that if BCCI does not agree to come under the jurisdiction of NADA, the ICC may be declared as non-compliant by WADA, which will be a huge blow to the credibility of the sport. The CEO enquired as to what stand he should take when the issue comes up for discussion during the next ICC meeting.
4. It was discussed that considering the long term ramifications of this issue, it would not be appropriate for the COA to take a decision in the matter and the issue should be deferred till such time as the General Body is properly constituted as per the New BCCI Constitution and an appropriate decision is taken by it. The alternative of constituting an ad-hoc committee to gather relevant information on the issue by consulting/ interacting with all stakeholders and then making a recommendation to the COA on the way forward was also discussed.
5. After some further discussion, the COA decided that an appropriate decision on the issue of whether BCCI should submit to the jurisdiction of NADA should be taken once the General Body is duly constituted as per the New BCCI Constitution.

(2) EXTENSION OF ONE TIME BENEFIT FOR RETIRED FIRST CLASS CRICKETERS:

1. It was pointed out to the COA that during the COA meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2018, the COA had decided that BCCI should follow up with the office bearers/ Finance Committee and enquire whether they require any information/ data to move forward

on the issue of extension of One Time Benefit (“OTB”) for retired first class cricketers. It was suggested that this issue can be deferred until the General Body and new committees are constituted as per the New BCCI Constitution.

2. After some discussion, the COA decided that a policy relating to payment of OTB to retired first class cricketers (including extension of OTB for retired first class cricketers) should be formulated and placed before the COA.

(3) ENHANCEMENT OF PENSION TO RETIRED FIRST CLASS AND INTERNATIONAL CRICKETERS:

1. It was pointed out to the COA that during the COA meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2018, the COA had 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.

2. It was suggested that this issue can be deferred until the General Body and new committees are constituted as per the New BCCI Constitution.

3. After some discussion, the COA decided that a policy relating to payment of pension to retired first class and international cricketers (including the time period after which any revision in the quantum of pension will be considered and the extent to which State Associations can be given a greater role in implementing such a policy) should be formulated and placed before the COA.

(4) PROCEEDINGS FILED BY EX-EMPLOYEES OF THE NATIONAL CRICKET ACADEMY:

1. It was pointed out to the COA that the issue of the proceedings filed by ex-employees of the National Cricket Academy (“NCA”) has also been referred to the office bearers for their view and further action. The COA was informed that as per the decision taken during the COA meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2018, the issue referred to the office bearers relates to a potential one-time settlement with the aforementioned ex-employees so as to bring a closure to the proceedings filed by them. The COA was also informed the COA that upon the matter being referred to the office bearers, the Treasurer had requested for certain information relating to the matter, which had subsequently been provided. However, there has been no communication from the office bearers thereafter.



2. After some discussion, the COA decided that a reminder email should be sent to the office bearers on the issue.

(5) REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS DOCUMENT IN RELATION TO MASTER PLANNING AGENCY FOR THE NEW NATIONAL CRICKET ACADEMY FACILITY:

1. It was pointed out to the COA that another important pending matter relates to the new NCA facility. The COA was informed that it had, pursuant to the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2018, addressed an email dated 20<sup>th</sup> April 2018 asking the Acting Secretary to convene a meeting of the NCA Board *inter alia* for the purpose of approving the Request for Proposals document (“RFP”) for appointment of a master planning agency for the new NCA facility. Thereafter, during the COA meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> August 2018, the COA had decided that it will send an email to all the members of the NCA Board calling for a meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> August 2018 at the NCA Campus in Bengaluru. However, the COA had, during its meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> August 2018, decided to cancel the said meeting in light of the COA’s decision to issue directions dissolving/ disbanding all committees (other than the CAC and the duly reconstituted Selection Committees).
2. After some further discussion, the COA decided that unless some urgency is shown, the COA will refrain from taking any decision regarding the new NCA facility and the same can be considered once the General Body is duly constituted as per the New BCCI Constitution.

(6) OTHER MATTERS PENDING WITH ANY COMMITTEE AND/OR THE OFFICE BEARERS

1. After some discussion, the COA decided that a list of all matters/ issue which had earlier been referred by the COA for the consideration/ recommendations of any committee and/or the office bearers should be placed before the COA at a subsequent meeting.

## ITEM 5: ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

### A. Vacancies to be Filled Up

1. The COA was informed that there are various positions which are vacant and recruitments need to be done to fill up the said positions. It was discussed that the COA can consider recruiting for only those positions in respect of which there is immediate and urgent need. The COA was informed that there are 2 positions in the legal and compliance department which have already been approved by the COA earlier and in respect of which advertisements have already been published and applications received.

2. Reference was made to Rule 15(4)(l) of the New BCCI Constitution and it was pointed out to the COA that the said provision empowers the Apex Council to frame rules regarding the appointment and service conditions concerning employees and officers of the BCCI. Reference was also made to Rule 15(4)(n) of the New BCCI Constitution which empowers the Apex Council to frame, in consultation with the CEO, rules for the appointment of Managers, Secretaries, Administrative Officers, Peons and other service personnel and staff and for payment to them and other persons in return for their services rendered to BCCI, salaries, wages, gratuities, pensions, honorariums, compensations, any ex-gratia payment and/or provident fund.
3. The option of taking the required persons on secondment instead of hiring full-time employees was discussed. It was discussed that it will need to be seen whether taking on persons on contract/ secondment basis is permitted by the Handbook on Core Principles and Policies for Administration of the BCCI ("**BCCI Handbook**") prepared by Deloitte and the Operating Process Manual for the BCCI ("**BCCI Manual**") prepared by Deloitte. It was also discussed that Deloitte needs to be asked to review the BCCI Handbook and BCCI Manual to ensure that the same is consistent with the New BCCI Constitution, which was not in force at the time Deloitte had prepared the BCCI Handbook and the BCCI Manual.
4. It was discussed that while taking on persons on contract/ secondment basis may be suitable for certain positions, it is not suitable for all positions. Specific reference was made to the 2 positions that need to be filled in the legal and compliance department and it was discussed that these 2 positions should not be filled by persons taken on contract/ secondment basis and BCCI should hire full-time persons for the same.
5. After some further discussion, the COA decided that:
  - (a) a list of positions that need to be filled on urgent/ immediate basis should be placed before the COA for appropriate decision in accordance with the BCCI Handbook and the BCCI Manual; and
  - (b) Deloitte should be asked to review the BCCI Handbook and BCCI Manual to ensure that the same is consistent with the New BCCI Constitution.

B. Review of BCCI Organization Structure

1. It was discussed that since the New BCCI Constitution has come into force, there may be a need to review the existing organization structure of BCCI. It was discussed that since the organization structure contained in the report of the Hon'ble Justice Lodha Committee ("**LC Report**") provides that the IPL Governing Council shall report directly to the General Body of BCCI and shall have a Chief Operating Officer ("**COO**") and contracted managers reporting to it, it may be construed to mean that

there are to be two separate organizational structures within the BCCI – one for IPL and one for the rest of BCCI. Accordingly, the option of the COA commissioning an external agency to formulate an appropriate organization structure for BCCI which makes it clear that there is supposed to be a common organizational structure for BCCI (including the IPL) was discussed.

2. It was discussed that the LC Report already provides an organization structure for BCCI which makes it clear that the IPL Governing Council reports directly to the General Body and not to the Apex Council. It was discussed that while this does not necessarily mean that the IPL must have a completely separate and independent set of dedicated employees (including, for example, a separate CFO), it is open for the General Body of BCCI to make such a provision in future.
3. After some further discussion, the COA decided that it will not commission an external agency to formulate an appropriate organization structure for BCCI since the LC Report already provides an organization structure for BCCI.

#### **ITEM 6: ANY OTHER MATTER (CONTINUED)**

##### D. Filing of New BCCI Constitution

1. The COA was informed that a copy of the New BCCI Constitution has to be filed with the Income Tax Authorities (assessment and exemption departments). The COA was also informed that although there is no specific requirement for such a filing with the GST authorities, it would also be appropriate for BCCI to file the New BCCI Constitution with the GST authorities and accordingly, the BCCI would proceed to make such a filing.
2. The COA took note of the same.

##### E. Authorization for Making Filings on behalf of BCCI

1. The COA was informed that pursuant to the directions dated 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2018 issued by the COA, a fresh authority letter/ authorization is required to be issued by the COA in favour of the CEO to enable him to sign pleadings, affidavits, applications, etc. on behalf of BCCI. A draft of such authority letter/ authorisation (which had earlier been circulated to the COA) was signed by the Chairman.
2. The COA was informed that under the earlier constitution of BCCI, the Working Committee of BCCI had the authority to defend any proceedings against the BCCI and had authorized the CFO to sign on behalf of BCCI in respect of taxation matters including legal proceedings pertaining to taxation matters. However, now that the New BCCI Constitution has come into force, the earlier authority given by the Working Committee of BCCI to the CFO can no longer be relied upon.

3. Reference was made to Rule 15(4)(d) of the New BCCI Constitution and it was pointed out to the COA that defending any proceedings against the BCCI is now a power/ duty of the Apex Council. Reference was also made to Paragraph 1 of the directions dated 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2018 issued by the COA and it was pointed out to the COA that any function to be performed by the Apex Council under the New BCCI Constitution is to be performed by the COA until a new Apex Council is elected. It was also pointed out to the COA that as per Paragraph 7 of the said directions, the CEO alone is to continue signing all pleadings, affidavits, applications, etc. in respect of legal proceedings filed by or against the BCCI as well as to issue instructions to advocates/ legal advisors in relation to fresh as well as pending legal proceedings under the supervision and control of the COA.
4. The CEO informed the COA that he has not been signing any documents in relation to taxation related matters until now. The COA was informed that the CFO has been signing documents in all taxation related matters.
5. After some further discussion, the COA decided that:
  - (a) A list of all pleadings, affidavits, applications, etc. which have been signed by the CFO on behalf of BCCI since 19<sup>th</sup> February 2017 should be prepared and placed before the COA for ratification; and
  - (b) An authority letter/ authorization by which the COA will now authorize the CFO to sign pleadings, affidavits, applications, etc. on behalf of BCCI in taxation related matters should be prepared and circulated to the COA.

F. Clarification regarding Rule 37(3) of New BCCI Constitution

1. The issue of payments and expenditures which are to be uploaded on the BCCI website, specifically whether salary payments, which are above the limit of Rs. 25 lakh also need to be uploaded on the website, was discussed.
2. After some discussion, the COA decided that salary payments are confidential and BCCI is not required to disclose the same on its website under Rule 37(3) of the New BCCI Constitution.

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

A. Affiliation of an Association from Mizoram

1. Reference was made to Rule 3(d) of the New BCCI Constitution and it was pointed out to the COA that if any State is bifurcated, the newly created State is entitled to

independent Full Membership and shall be so inducted within 3 months of such Statehood coming into force. It was pointed out to the COA that one of the existing States which is currently unrepresented in BCCI is Mizoram. It was discussed that affiliation to an association from Mizoram should be granted within 3 months from the date on which the New BCCI Constitution has come into force, i.e. by 21<sup>st</sup> November 2018.

2. The COA was informed that pursuant to the decision taken during the COA meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2018, a provision has already been made for the inclusion of a team from Mizoram in the domestic season 2018-2019. The COA noted that since the report of the Affiliation Committee indicates that there is only one association seeking affiliation from the State of Mizoram, there are no rival claimant associations for the BCCI to choose from. The COA also noted that a representative from the Cricket Association of Mizoram had been invited to attend a meeting between the COA and representatives of the State Associations from north-eastern India at New Delhi on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2017. The COA further noted that it has already been corresponding with the Cricket Association of Mizoram as if it is a Full Member of BCCI and the email that has been addressed to all State Associations in relation to compliance with the Judgment has also been addressed to the Cricket Association of Mizoram.
3. It was discussed that since the New BCCI Constitution requires every State to be represented by a Full Member and there is no other association from the State of Mizoram which has sought affiliation from BCCI, it would be consistent with the mandate of the COA to induct the Cricket Association of Mizoram as a Full Member of BCCI.
4. It was discussed that such affiliation should be with effect from 21<sup>st</sup> August 2018, i.e. the date on which the New BCCI Constitution has come into force. The Chairman and Ms. Edulji agreed.
5. After some further discussion, the COA decided that the Cricket Association of Mizoram stands inducted as a Full Member of BCCI with effect from 21<sup>st</sup> August 2018.

**B. Affiliation of an Association from Uttarakhand**

1. The COA was informed that while it should ideally ensure that a decision in relation to affiliation of an association from the State of Uttarakhand is taken within 3 months from the date on which the New BCCI Constitution has come into force, i.e. by 21<sup>st</sup> November 2018, the issue is complicated on account of the fact that there are 4 rival associations seeking affiliation with BCCI from the State of Uttarakhand. It was pointed out to the COA that the Uttarakhand Cricket Consensus Committee (“UCCC”) has been formed on the understanding that BCCI will verify the



documentation and representations made by the 4 claimant associations to arrive at a decision as to which association should be granted affiliation with BCCI.

2. It was discussed that in order to decide which association from Uttarakhand should be granted affiliation with BCCI, a separate committee can be constituted. It was discussed that the said committee can be asked to examine the documents submitted by each of the claimant associations and consult with the UCCC regarding the actual cricketing activities being carried out by each of them.
3. After some further discussion, the COA decided that:
  - (a) The COA should be provided with a list of former members of the Affiliation Committee; and
  - (b) The COA will thereafter appoint a committee to make recommendations to the COA regarding affiliation of an association from the State of Uttarakhand.

Meeting concluded.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'V.R.', is written on the page.