

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF ADMINISTRATORS
HELD ON 22ND FEBRUARY 2019 AT ITC MAURYA, NEW DELHI**

Mr. Vinod Rai – Chairman
Ms. Diana Edulji
Mr. Rahul Johri – BCCI CEO
Mr. Hemang Amin – BCCI
Ms. Karina Kripalani – BCCI Legal Advisor
Mr. Indranil Deshmukh (Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas)
Mr. Vineet Unnikrishnan (Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas)
Ms. Rachyeta Shah (Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas)

The Chairman and Ms. Edulji informed all present that Lt. Gen. Ravindra Thodge, who has just been appointed a member of the COA by the Hon'ble Supreme Court vide order dated 21st February 2019, has communicated that he will briefly join the meeting over tele-conference and that he is agreeable to the meeting proceeding in his absence.

ITEM 1: MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF CLAIMANT ASSOCIATIONS FROM UTTARAKHAND

Prof. Ratnakar Shetty, the convenor of the Uttarakhand Cricket Consensus Committee (“UCCC”), joined the meeting.

1. The COA was briefed on the ongoing cricket operations in the State of Uttarakhand. As regards the UCCC, the COA was informed that although the UCCC has been in operation since August 2018, there has been no change in approach of the 4 claimant associations from Uttarakhand, whose representatives are part of the UCCC. There has been no attempt at working together and each association regards the other with the same degree of mistrust.
2. It was discussed that it would be appropriate to advise the representatives of the claimant associations to get together and form a new association, akin to a federation of all associations, which would be the only association which would be recognised by the BCCI and which would also obtain funding from BCCI. It was discussed that the UCCC cannot be expected to run and manage cricket operations in the State indefinitely. Therefore, the new federation, once formed, would be handed the cricket operations and the UCCC would be disbanded. This new federation would have to be constituted in line with the new constitution requirements.

The following representatives of the 4 claimant associations from Uttarakhand joined the meeting:

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- (i) **Uttaranchal Cricket Association:** (i) Mr. Pradcep Singh; and (ii) Mr. Chander Kant Arya
 - (ii) **Cricket Association of Uttarakhand:** (i) Mr. Hira Singh Bist; and (ii) Mr. Mahim Verma
 - (iii) **United Cricket Association:** (i) Mr. Sanjay Gusain; and (ii) Mr. Sanjay Rawat
 - (iv) **Uttarakhand Cricket Association:** (i) Mr. Divya Nautiyal; and (ii) Mr. Ram Sharan Nautiyal
3. Each of the above representatives introduced themselves and also mentioned the name of the association which they represent.
4. The representatives of the 4 associations were welcomed by the COA. The COA informed the above representatives that the constitution of the UCCC is a pro-tem arrangement till a State Association is recognized and takes charge of running cricket in the State. The UCCC has been in operation since August 2018. It is time now to move to the next stage, where there is a formally recognised body, which is granted membership to the BCCI and which conducts and manages cricket operations in the State. Currently, cricket operations are being run at BCCI's expense, which cannot continue indefinitely. Therefore, it is proposed that a new association be formed, which would be a federation of all the existing associations. The COA expressed hope that the 4 claimant associations will come together to form this new association/ federation and that this new association/ federation would adopt a new constitution on similar lines as the BCCI's Constitution registered on 21st August 2018 so that the BCCI can recognize this new association/ federation as the affiliated State Association from the State of Uttarakhand. The COA indicated that the ideal structure for such new association/ federation would be one where each district shall have only one District Association which shall be affiliated with the said federation. Since the COA has been given to understand that there are 13 districts in the State of Uttarakhand, this would entail that there would be only 13 District Associations in the State of Uttarakhand with one District Association representing each district. In terms of process, the COA indicated that the said 13 District Associations should be constituted first and their respective constitutions should be framed and registered. Thereafter, the federation (comprising of the 13 District Associations) should be constituted and its constitution should be framed on similar lines as the BCCI's Constitution and registered thereafter. The affiliation to BCCI can be granted once such registered constitution is furnished to the COA.
5. The representative of the claimant associations informed the COA that they would need to take the COA's recommendations to their respective members/ stakeholders and seek their approval on the suggested course of action before proceeding further. Accordingly, it was requested that some time be given for the associations to consider the recommendations of the COA.



6. The COA said that the claimant associations should revert at the earliest after consulting with their members and stakeholders so that the COA can inform the Hon'ble Supreme Court of the developments in this regard on the next date of hearing, i.e. 14th March 2019. The COA also indicated that it would also have to consider the feasibility of continuing with the UCCC beyond 31st March 2019.
7. The COA suggested that the representatives of the 4 claimant associations, along with Prof. Ratnakar Shetty, could fix a date for the next meeting, at which time, the 4 claimant associations should have a better understanding as to their position in relation to the COA's proposal. Prof. Shetty suggested that a meeting may take place on 6th March 2019 and the representatives agreed. The COA expressed hope that all the representatives will express agreement with the COA's proposal at the said meeting.
8. The COA thanked the representatives of the 4 claimant associations and Prof. Shetty.

The representatives of the 4 claimant associations left the meeting.

Prof. Shetty also left the meeting.

ITEM 2: IMPLEMENTATION MATTERS

A. Cricket Players' Association

After some discussion, the COA decided that CAM Team should analyse the draft MOA and AOA circulated by the Working Group's legal advisor vide his email dated 18th February 2019 and prepare a point wise response to the same after taking into account the previous decisions/ discussions of the COA on the subject and place this response before the COA for its consideration.

ITEM 3: IPL MATTERS

A. IPL Schedule

1. The COA was informed that the IPL Schedule can be confirmed only after the general election schedule has been released, in the meanwhile the Schedule for the initial 2 weeks can be released, which will allow the teams to start preparing.
2. The COA was also informed that Election Commission has requested for BCCI to assist in promoting voter registration. The COA decided that the BCCI can accede to this request as it would be in national interest.

B. Women's IPL



1. The COA was informed that 2 formats for the women's IPL are being considered, i.e. a 3 team format where the number of games played would be 4 and a 2 team format where the number of games played would be 3.
2. It was discussed that the teams should be more or less equal in terms of quality of playing. Therefore, the best combination of players can be worked out prior to sending the invitation to the foreign teams which should be sent by 10th March 2019.
3. After some further discussion, the COA decided that the format for the women's IPL would be 3 teams playing 4 matches.

Mr. Saba Karim was part of the discussions on Women's IPL via tele-conference.

C. Request For Proposals for Stadium Branding and Security Services

1. The COA was informed that BCCI received 7 proposals for the provision of branding services pursuant to a Request For Proposals ("RFP") released for this purpose. Of these, one was disqualified as there is an ongoing arbitration matter with them. After the presentations made by the parties, based on the technical bids submitted, 3 were further disqualified. The financial bids of the remaining 3 were opened. Of these, it was decided that Twenty First Century Media Private Limited would be awarded the agreement for stadium branding services.
2. As regards the RFP for security services, the COA was informed that BCCI received proposals from 3 parties, viz. (i) NSA Global Security Consultants ("NSA Global"), (ii) G4S Secure Solutions (India) Pvt. Ltd ("G4S") and (iii) Momentum India Pvt. Ltd. ("Momentum"). All these parties qualified and accordingly all parties were invited to make presentations. Pursuant to the presentations, the parties were ranked as follows (i) NSA Global, (ii) Momentum and (iii) G4S. The financial bids of the parties were opened pursuant to which the rankings based on financial offers was (i) G4S, (ii) Momentum and (iii) NSA.
3. After some further discussion, the COA decided that BCCI should award the contract to G4S, being the lowest bidder for security services, on the basis of a continuation of the contract after a review being conducted after 1 year.

ITEM 4: CRICKETING MATTERS

A. Salary Increases due to the Contracted Team Members at the NCA

After some discussion, the COA decided that since it has already approved the band of 15% to 20% increments for staff members, there is no requirement for this to be placed



before the COA and it is sufficient if the COA is informed that the same band is being used as the benchmark in relation to the Contracted Team Members at the NCA as well.

ITEM 5: ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

A. Procurement Committee

1. The suggestion for BCCI to have a procurement committee in place which would oversee the procurement of all goods and services required by the organisation was discussed in light of the CEO presently being the approving authority for all agreements for goods and services and also approving the payment for such goods and services.
2. After some further discussion, the COA decided that there was no need for a separate Procurement Committee as suggested.

ITEM 6: ANY OTHER MATTER

A. Approval of Minutes of Previous COA Meetings

After some discussion, the COA decided that it will revert with its comments, if any, on the draft minutes of the previous COA meetings held on 27th August 2018, 11th September 2018, 25th September 2018 and 6th October 2018 prior to the next COA meeting.

B. Cricket for the Physically Challenged

1. The COA was informed that the associations for physically challenged cricket have approached BCCI for affiliation. The COA was also informed that when the said associations had previously approached BCCI, it had been indicated to them that the said associations should combine and form one consolidated association, which they have now done.
3. Mr. Saba Karim, who was part of the discussions on Cricket for the Physically Challenged via tele-conference, stated that there are 4 associations in India who actively manage cricket for the physically challenged in India and that these 4 associations have decided to merge together and form a new association to promote and manage cricket for physically challenged in India. The England & Wales Cricket Board “ECB”) is hosting a world cup for physically disabled. However, the condition imposed by the ECB for participation is that the association has to be recognised by the BCCI. Therefore, the question for consideration is whether BCCI can grant affiliation to this newly formed merged cricket association for the physically challenged.



4. After some discussion, the COA decided that the All India Association for the Physically Challenged (AICAPC) would be provided ad-hoc recognition for the purposes of participating in the upcoming first ever Physical Disability World Cricket Series in August 2019.

C. Upcoming ICC Meetings

1. It was discussed that the position taken by the Government as a consequence of the terror attacks in Pulwama, is to try and isolate Pakistan in all public fora (including international fora) and also to raise a red flag in relation to the activities being carried out by Pakistani terrorists.
2. After some further discussion, the COA decided that during the upcoming ICC meetings, BCCI's representatives should raise its concerns over security of its team and officials at the upcoming ICC World Cup, specifically as India has been on the receiving end of terror acts and ensure that it gets recorded in the minutes. With regard to the India – Pakistan match that is scheduled to be played at the said World Cup, the COA decided that no comment is warranted at this stage, as this would be premature. The COA also decided that the BCCI would be guided by the policy adopted by the Government in this regard.
3. The COA further decided that for the sake of utmost clarity, the exact mandate to the BCCI's representatives(s) at the ICC meetings will be crystallized in writing and that the draft note in this regard should be prepared and finalised at the meeting itself after discussions with Lt. Gen. Thodge via tele-conference.
4. The draft note crystallizing the mandate of the BCCI's representatives to the upcoming ICC meetings was reviewed and revised by the Chairman and Ms. Edulji.

Lt. Gen. Thodge joined the meeting via tele-conference.

5. The Chairman welcomed Lt. Gen. Thodge to the COA and the meeting. The draft note, as revised by the Chairman and Ms. Edulji, was read out to Lt. Gen. Thodge and he expressed his agreement with the contents of the same.

After some discussion, the COA decided that the draft note crystallizing the mandate of the BCCI's representative(s) at the upcoming ICC meetings should be structured in the form of an email to be issued by the CEO on behalf of the COA to the ICC. Accordingly, the draft note was converted into the format of an email and a separate email was issued by the COA to the CEO enclosing the said draft email to be issued by the CEO on behalf of the COA to the ICC.

D. IPL Opening Ceremony



1. It was suggested that BCCI may consider cancelling the IPL opening ceremony and instead donate the money which would have been budgeted for the IPL opening ceremony to the armed forces.
2. After some discussion, the COA decided that the opening ceremony for the IPL be cancelled and instead, the money budgeted for the IPL opening ceremony be donated to the armed forces. It was also decided that the logistics/ mechanism of the donation will be worked out subsequently.

Lt. Gen. Thodge left the meeting.

E. IPL Ticket Allocation

1. The COA enquired about the particulars of the number of tickets with regard to IPL matches that are available for allocation and the manner in which the same are distributed.
2. After some discussion, the COA asked that the relevant information in relation to previous seasons be collated and placed before the COA and decided that this matter would be discussed further once this has been done.

F. Ombudsman appointed for BCCI

1. The COA noted that the Hon'ble Supreme Court had appointed the first Ombudsman of BCCI.
2. After some discussion, the COA decided that it will send an email to the Ombudsman providing him with a copy of the order dated 9th August 2018 and the BCCI Constitution.

G. IPL Committees

1. The COA was informed that there are 3 committees which are constituted specifically for the IPL, viz. (i) Cricket Committee, (ii) Suspect Bowling Action and (iii) Code of Behaviour. As regards the Cricket Committee, which is a technical committee, it was proposed that the two of the members of the committee be continued from last season and a third member be appointed. As regards the Suspect Bowling Action Committee, it was proposed that the same members from last season be continued. As regards the Code of Behaviour Committee, the COA was asked whether it had any suggestions for persons to be included in this committee.
2. It was discussed that the issue of whether there is any overlap between the functions of the Code of Behaviour Committee and those of the Ombudsman under the new BCCI

Constitution would need to be examined before the COA takes any decision in relation to the Code of Behaviour Committee.

3. After some further discussion, the COA decided that:
 - (a) CAM Team should examine whether there is any overlap between the functions of the Code of Behaviour Committee and those of the Ombudsman under the new BCCI Constitution; and
 - (b) A decision on the members of the Code of Behaviour Committee will be taken after CAM Team completes the above and communicates its views to the COA.

Meeting concluded.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'V. R.', written in a cursive style.