

Re: In the matter of representation made by Cricket Association of Pondicherry for full membership of the BCCI

1. The Committee of Administrators has received several representations from the Cricket Association of Pondicherry (“CAP”) including its representation dated 18th February 2019 seeking full membership of the BCCI.
2. CAP was inducted as an “Associate Member” of the BCCI *vide* the order dated 25th October 2018 passed by the Committee of Administrators.
3. In its representation, CAP has submitted that:
 - a. It have not only played Ranji Trophy but all age group category tournaments;
 - b. It has hosted most categories of matches in BCCI tournaments and conducted matches in Puducherry;
 - c. The CAP teams performed very well in the tournaments;
 - d. CAP has already undertaken construction of a cricket stadium with state of art facilities and other developmental activities for the promotion of the game in Pondicherry; and
 - e. In spite of the above, CAP is the lone Associate Member of BCCI which participates in Ranji Trophy tournament and has a territory under its administration but still does not have a vote.
4. The Committee of Administrators have deliberated upon and considered the aforesaid representations by the CAP. It is correct that CAP has not only participated in Ranji Trophy and other tournaments in the 2018-2019 Season but also conducted matches. CAP’s performance in the tournaments as well as in hosting matches has been very satisfactory.
5. All members of the BCCI who participate in Ranji Trophy Tournament have been given a voting right under the BCCI Constitution. In view of the recommendations contained in the Justice Lodha Committee Report, Services, Railways and Universities were to be relegated to the position of “Associate Members”, who do not have a vote, since they did not have territory to administer, whilst NCC and CCI were sought to be relegated to Associate Member status since they did not field teams in Ranji Trophy Tournament. The Hon’ble Supreme Court has *vide* its judgment dated 8th August 2018 confirmed the “Associate Member” status for



NCC and CCI but has conferred voting rights on Services, Railways and Universities owing to their contribution to the development of cricket and the fact that they fielded teams in Ranji Trophy Tournament.

6. Viewed in this background, CAP not only participates in Ranji Trophy but also has a territory within its jurisdiction for administration and development of the game. We note that CAP has already undertaken construction of a cricket stadium with state of art facilities and other developmental activities for the promotion of the game in Pondicherry.
7. In view of the aforesaid, the Committee of Administrators is of the opinion that it will be appropriate for CAP to be made full member of the BCCI and conferred a vote. Accordingly, Committee of Administrators have decided to make CAP a full member of the BCCI.
8. Let the Learned Amicus Curiae be informed about this decision of the COA.

Dated this 8th day of April 2019.

The Supreme Court appointed Committee of Administrators for the BCCI.



