

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF ADMINISTRATORS  
HELD ON 27<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2019 AT JW MARRIOT, AEROCITY, NEW DELHI**

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**ITEM 1: CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF ADMINISTRATORS HELD ON FEBRUARY 22, 2019**

1. The COA observed that the draft minutes of the COA meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2019 had been prepared in the actual order in which the items had been discussed.
2. After some discussion, the COA decided that:
  - (a) The minutes of COA meetings should henceforth be prepared as per the sequence of items in the agenda irrespective of the sequence in which the said items are discussed; and
  - (b) The minutes of the COA meeting held 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2019 should accordingly be revised and placed before the COA for approval.

**ITEM 2: DISCUSSION ON FEMA MATTER AND MEETING WITH OFFICE BEARERS**

1. The COA noted that the Treasurer has provided a draft letter/ application to be sent to the Reserve Bank of India (“**RBI**”). There was detailed discussion regarding the pros and cons of sending the letter/ application as well as regarding the contents of the same.

After a detailed discussion, the COA decided that:

- (a) The CEO to circulate the draft application to the RBI to the office bearers of BCCI;
- (b) The draft application to the RBI would be discussed in detail in the next COA meeting in presence of all concerned.

**ITEM 3: CRICKETING MATTERS**



Mr. Indranil Deshmukh (Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas) and Ms. Rachyeta Shah (Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas) joined the meeting.

A. Proposal for Prize Money for New Tournaments

1. The recommendations for prize money to be awarded for Men's 1 day tournament (Under - 23) and Women's Inter-State T20 tournament (Under – 23) was placed for the COA's consideration. The COA made certain revisions to the prize money for the Women Inter-State T20 tournament (Under – 23).
2. After some discussion, the COA decided that the proposal for prize money, as discussed and revised at the meeting, is approved.

B. Proposal for Professional Fee for Assistant Coach, Video Analyst and Masseur

1. A proposal regarding professional fees to be paid to support staff of the Senior Men's Team, Men's Under – 19 Team, Senior Women's Team and Women's Under – 19 Team was placed for the COA's consideration. The COA was informed that the proposal has been prepared on the basis of the minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee held on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2014.
2. The COA was also informed that certain additional designations/ new roles were proposed to be included in the support staff for the various teams. It was clarified that these additional persons would be used as and when necessary by the various teams and these roles would be filled on a tour to tour basis.
3. It was discussed that the reason for these additional roles was to ensure that the support staff for Men's Senior Team would be kept separate from the support staff for all the other teams. The COA instructed that the records of all such recruitments / engagements should be maintained in a proper manner.
4. After some discussion, the COA approved the proposal for the recruitment of individuals to these additional roles / positions and also approved the proposed payment of remuneration to the appointed support staff in these additional roles / positions.

C. Proposal for RFQ for Video Equipment

1. The COA was informed that in the previous year, BCCI had issued a RFQ for video equipment. However, the quality of the bids received were not satisfactory. Therefore, BCCI did not proceed with the procurement of the video equipment in the previous year. Thereafter, BCCI has conducted further research and analysis as to the required equipment. The COA was informed that the purpose for this video equipment is to ensure that all domestic matches are digitised. The recordings from these domestic matches will be uploaded on to an online database, which would be accessible to all

stake holders. In order to do this, the equipment available with the State Associations needs to be upgraded. Therefore, the RFQ for the video equipment is proposed. It is intended that the video equipment be sent to all the State Associations prior to the commencement of the upcoming domestic season.

2. After some discussion, the COA decided that the RFQ for video equipment may be prepared.

D. Affiliation to the BCCI of an Association from the Union Territory of Chandigarh

1. The COA was briefed on the visit made by the Affiliation Committee to Chandigarh to meet with the 3 claimant associations.
2. After some discussion, the COA decided that it will await the report of the Affiliation Committee and thereafter take a decision on affiliation of an Association from the Union Territory of Chandigarh.

E. Proposal for increments for Security and House-Keeping Staff

1. The COA was informed that BCCI has approximately 20 persons working in the security services and housekeeping department, who have been engaged through the security services agency and housekeeping services agency. The COA was also informed that these persons have not been provided increments over the last few years as BCCI has not revised the contract rates with the respective agencies.
2. After some discussion, the COA decided that the contracts with the security services agency and housekeeping agency may be revised to accommodate an increase in remuneration to the staff engaged through these agencies.

F. Accountability of State Cricket Associations

1. It was discussed that although many State Cricket Associations appear to be compliant on paper, there is very little practical adherence to the constitution. Further, in case of certain State Cricket Associations, very little effort is being made to improve local cricket, infrastructure is lacking, selection process is corrupt and there are no processes in place for vendor identification. It was recommended that in order to ensure accountability, there should be some supervision over the State Cricket Associations in the areas of cricket operations, finance and dispute resolution. This exercise could commence with the new State Associations.
2. After some further discussion, the COA decided that the role of the observer should be defined and a list of the persons who may be sent as observers to the new State Cricket Associations should be prepared and placed before the COA for consideration.



#### G. Cricket Advisory Committee – Terms of Reference

1. The COA discussed that the terms of reference may be sent to the 3 existing members of the Cricket Advisory Committee (“CAC”) once the proceedings before the Ombudsman are complete.
2. As regards the course of action to be followed in the meantime, it was discussed that the COA can consider appointing an ad-hoc CAC to undertake the selection of coaching staff, as required.
3. As regards the recruitment for the support staff of the NCA, it was discussed that a separate panel would select the support staff for the NCA. It was further discussed that once the Head Coach has been selected, he can also be made a part of the selection process for the support staff of NCA.
4. After some discussion, the COA decided that the terms of reference to the existing members of the CAC can be sent after completion of the proceedings before the Ombudsman.

#### H. Appointment of Several Standing and Cricket Committees

1. The COA was informed that with the upcoming domestic season, BCCI will need various standing and cricket committees. It was suggested that ad-hoc standing and cricket committees could be constituted for the upcoming domestic season.
2. After some further discussion, the COA decided that a list of the required committees, along with recommended persons to be considered for membership to these committees should be placed before the COA for consideration.

#### I. Approval for Captains and State Cricket Association Representatives Conclave – Men, Women & State Cricket Associations

1. The COA was informed that BCCI would like to conduct 2 separate conclaves for Captains and State Cricket Association representatives. The issue of whether a combined conclave should be conducted was discussed.
2. After some discussion, the COA granted approval for conducting the conclaves as recommended.

#### J. Cheteshwar Pujara – Permission for ICC World Cup Pre-Game Commentary

1. The COA was informed that Mr. Cheteshwar Pujara has been invited for pre-game commentary for the World Cup and was seeking permission from the BCCI for the



same. It was noted that as he is a contracted player with the BCCI, this would be contrary to the provisions of the player's agreement.

2. After some discussion, the COA decided not to grant permission to Mr. Cheteshwar Pujara for the pre-game commentary for the World Cup.

K. Statistician – Request for full time employee

1. The COA was informed that although the COA had permitted the engagement of a statistician on contract basis, BCCI was finding it difficult to engage a person on contract basis as all prospective candidates would prefer to be engaged as employees of BCCI. The COA noted that this would require the recruitment process to be followed.
2. After some discussion, the COA decided that the BCCI may conduct the recruitment process for a full time employee in the position of statistician.

L. Video Analyst & Scorers – age limit 60 years

1. The COA was informed that Video Analyst and Scorers do not currently have an age-limit included as part of the terms of their engagement in their agreements. It was noted that the retirement age applies to all persons engaged by the BCCI and should be implemented for Video Analysts and Scorers as well.
2. After some discussion, the COA decided that the age limit of 60 years should be included in the terms of engagement of Video Analysts and Scorers.

M. Recruitment for the National Cricket Academy – Job Descriptions

1. The COA was informed that the job descriptions for the vacant positions at the National Cricket Academy, discussed at the previous meeting (i.e., NCA Strength and Conditioning Coach, head cricket coach, fast bowling coach, batting coach) was ready. The same was placed for the COA's approval.
2. After some discussion, the COA approved the job descriptions for the above-mentioned positions.

N. Procurement of Push Bands

1. The COA was informed that for the purposes of training and coaching and also for better data collection, it is recommended that BCCI invests in procuring push bands, which will help to better analyze athletes' performances.
2. After some discussion, the COA decided that BCCI can engage with the vendor for the procurement of the push bands.



O. Letter for Extension to Karnataka Industrial Areas Development Board

1. The draft letter for extension of time for the submission of the comprehensive development plan and commencement of civil construction, to be sent to the Karnataka Industrial Areas Development Board (“KIADB”), was placed for review by the COA.
2. After some discussion, the COA approved the draft letter to be sent to the KIADB.

P. New Grounds and Differential Amounts

1. The COA was informed that there were certain revisions to the budget for the upgradation of the grounds in the North Eastern States, which was placed for COA’s review. The same are as follows:

Sr. No.	Name of the ground for upgradation work	Original budget	Revised Budget
	Renovation of outfield by verti cutting and sand filling including construction of pitches at Assam valley school, Tezpur, Assam	Rs. 16,60,166/-	Rs. 21,73,560
	Renovation of outfield by verti cutting and sand filling including construction of pitches at Jalan outdoor stadium at Dibrugarh, Assam	Rs. 40,58,733/-	Rs. 43,88,656
	Renovation of outfield by verti cutting and sand filling including construction of pitches at Golaghat DSA stadium, Assam	Rs. 40,58,733/-	Rs. 44,70,713
	Renovation of outfield by verti cutting and sand filling including construction of pitches at Jorhat DSA stadium, Assam	Rs. 40,58,733/-	Rs. 44,68,802
	Renovation of outfield by verti cutting and sand filling including construction of pitches at Mangaldai DSA stadium, Assam	Rs. 40,58,733/-	Rs.44,69,840

2. The COA was informed that the Karnail Singh Stadium in New Delhi also requires renovation. The draft budget for the same was also placed before the COA for approval. The COA was also informed that, for upgradation, the Biswanath Chariali DSA ground has been chosen in place of the Abhyoyapuri Stadium ground.
3. After some discussion, the COA approved the revised budget for the renovation of the stadia in the North Eastern States and the renovation of the Karnail Singh Stadium in New Delhi.

Q. Guidelines for the Utilization of Funds disbursed to the State Associations

1. The COA was informed that BCCI was in receipt of queries from State Associations as to the acceptable utilization of funds which has been granted to the State Associations. It was discussed that these funds are to be used for cricket operations and not for past expenditure. It was further discussed that a certificate of utilization may also be considered to be obtained from the State Associations.
2. After some discussion, the COA decided that the note being prepared on utilization of funds for the COA's consideration should include the matters discussed at the meeting.

R. Nomination for Arjuna Award

1. The COA was informed that BCCI was required to provide nomination for the Arjuna Award. The COA discussed proposing the following names for the Arjuna Award: (i) Jasprit Bumrah; (ii) Mohammed Shami; (iii) Ravindra Jadeja and (iv) Poonam Yadav.
2. After some discussion, the COA approved the nomination of all four players for Arjuna Award.

**ITEM 4: LEGAL MATTERS**

A. Representation to the Ombudsman/ Ethics Officer

1. It was discussed that BCCI should maintain a neutral stand in proceedings before the Ombudsman/ Ethics Officer and not provide any opinion. It was also discussed that the Ombudsman/ Ethics Officer has, in the past, specifically requested for BCCI's stand in the matter and BCCI cannot refuse to provide its stand when such request is made by the Ombudsman/ Ethics Officer. Further, BCCI has been instructed to file its response in the matters relating to the 3 CAC members.
2. After some discussion, the COA decided that BCCI may formulate replies in the aforesaid proceedings also seek an extension from the Ombudsman/ Ethics Officer for filling its replies, if required.
3. The COA was also informed that the hearing in relation to the Sreesanth matter is scheduled before the Ombudsman on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2019.
4. After some discussion, the COA decided that:
  - (a) BCCI should not express any opinion in these proceedings and only state necessary facts to enable the Ombudsman to take a decision; and



(b) The CEO would represent BCCI in these proceedings.

Mr. Indranil Deshmukh (Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas) and Ms. Rachyeta Shah (Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas) left the meeting.

B. Women' Head Coach Matter

After discussion, the COA decided that the documents/ matter in relation to the appointment of the Women's Head Coach should be sent to the Ombudsman.

C. Update on NADA/ IDTM

1. The COA's approval was sought for sending the draft agreement between BCCI and NADA for anti-doping services. The COA approved the draft and provided its approval for sending the draft to NADA.
2. The COA's approval was sought for sending the draft agreement between BCCI and IDTM for anti-doping services. The COA approved the draft and provided its approval for sending the draft to IDTM.

D. Update on Cricket Players Association

1. The COA was informed that the process for registration of the Cricket Players' Association ("CPA") is underway and it would take between 8-10 weeks for the registration to be complete. The COA was also briefed on the meeting with the Working Group of the CPA.
2. The COA was also provided with the draft letter to be issued by the COA to the registering agency to facilitate in getting the name of the CPA approved. The COA approved the draft letter.

E. Update on issues arising out of State Associations post meeting with Amicus.

The COA was apprised with the various issues and concerns raised by several state associations during the preliminary mediation meetings with the Learned Amicus Curiae.

F. Update on Kerala Cricket Association

The COA directed the legal team to verify the amendments made to the constitution and place the observations before the COA for its consideration. It was also discussed that if the Kerala Cricket Association is complaint then pursuant to the discussions with the Learned Amicus Curiae, funds may be disbursed to the association.





## ITEM 5: ANY OTHER MATTER

### A. Support for Maldives Cricket from BCCI: Request from Ministry of External Affairs

1. The COA was informed that it has received a request from Ministry of External Affairs to provide support to Maldives cricket.
2. After some discussion, the COA instructed the CEO to connect with Indian Ambassador to Maldives and facilitate the request from the Ministry of External Affairs in relation to providing support to Maldives Cricket.

### B. IPL Playoff Matches/ Women's IPL

1. The match timings for the playoff matches was discussed. After some deliberation it was decided that 7.30 pm will be the time for commencement of matches during the playoffs.
2. The COA enquired as to whether the women players from Australia would be participating in the Women's IPL matches. The COA was informed that Cricket Australia had shown interest in joining the Women's IPL after all the squads for the Women's IPL was announced and it was not possible now to include Australian cricketers as invites have already gone to women cricketers from other nations and the squads have been finalised. The COA noted that it would now not be possible to include the Australian cricketers in the Women's IPL.

### C. IPL Matters

The issue of inviting State Association representatives for the IPL final was discussed. After some discussion, the COA decided that invitations may be extended to the representatives of the State Associations for the IPL Final match.

Meeting concluded.



