

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF ADMINISTRATORS
HELD ON 3rd MAY 2019 AT BCCI HEADQUARTERS, MUMBAI**

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

1. The COA observed that the draft minutes of the COA meeting held on 22nd February 2019 have now been prepared as per the sequence of items in the agenda.
2. After some discussion, the minutes of the meeting held on 22nd February 2019 were approved by the COA and signed by the Chairman and the COA resolved that the signed minutes should be put up on the BCCI website in the interests of transparency.

ITEM 2: DISCUSSION ON FEMA MATTERS AND MEETING WITH OFFICE BEARERS

A. Application to the Reserve Bank of India

1. The COA perused the documents placed before the COA. There was detailed discussion as to the further course of action in this regard.
2. After some discussion, the COA decided that after verification of certain additional documents/ records, BCCI should proceed with the application to the Reserve Bank of India.

ITEM 3: CRICKETING MATTERS

A. National Cricket Academy: Extension for NCA personnel

1. The COA was informed that the National Cricket Academy (“NCA”) has requested for extension of terms of contracts of certain support staff personnel (strength and

conditioning, store supervisor, physiotherapist) at the NCA. A fresh contract was intended to be provided to a person to be appointed as a physiotherapist.

2. After some discussion, the COA approved the extension of the contracts for the support staff personnel and issuance of a fresh contract to the person to be appointed as physiotherapist.

B. Committees for the Domestic Season 2019 – 2020

1. The COA was informed that the following committees are required for the upcoming domestic season – (i) Tours, Fixtures & Technical Committee; (ii) Senior Tournament Committee; (iii) Umpires Committee; and (iv) Differently-Abled Cricket Committee. It was discussed that the COA can constitute ad-hoc committees, as required, for the domestic season. The membership to the committees was also discussed.
2. The issue of continuation of these committees once BCCI elections take place was also discussed. Further, it was discussed that as these committees would require guidance, it would be appropriate that rules should be framed for such guidance for each of these committees.
3. After some discussion, the COA decided that:
 - (a) The cricket committees required for the domestic season 2019 - 20 may be constituted on ad-hoc basis;
 - (b) Draft rules for guidance of these committees should be prepared and placed before the COA for approval.

C. Selection Committees – Current Status

1. The COA was informed that certain members of the Selection Committee have completed their term as members of the Selection Committee. It was suggested that the COA can consider having these individuals continue as members of the Selection Committees, despite completion of term. It was pointed out that this course of action may be construed as being contrary to the terms of the BCCI Constitution.
2. After some discussion, the COA decided that:
 - (a) The Cricket Advisory Committee (“CAC”) may be requested to take on the task of appointment of selectors; and
 - (b) In the event the CAC is not agreeable to the same, a separate ad-hoc committee may be constituted for the appointment of selectors.



D. National Cricket Academy – Interview Panel

1. The matter relating to constitution of the panel for conducting interviews for vacant positions at the NCA was discussed. The suggestion that the interview panel should have one office bearer and one member of the COA, which was done in the case of interviews for recruitment for the BCCI Legal Team, was considered. It was discussed that since the present interviews are for junior level employees, there may not be any need for the office bearers and COA to be included in the interview panel.
2. There was detailed discussion as to the provisions of the BCCI Constitution in relation to appointment of employees at junior and senior level. It was specifically discussed that the recruitment process should conform to the requirements under the BCCI Constitution.
3. After some further discussion, the COA decided that:
 - (a) The COA and the office bearers shall not be involved in the recruitment for junior level employees.

E. Request from Madhya Pradesh Cricket Association for Purchase of Ground Maintenance Equipment –

1. The COA was informed that the Madhya Pradesh Cricket Association (“MPCA”) has requested BCCI to make payment to 2 vendors for the purchase of ground maintenance equipment for 2 grounds. The COA was further informed that MPCA has not been declared as a compliant association.
2. It was noted that the request should not be granted as MPCA has not taken any steps towards becoming a compliant association.
3. After some discussion, the COA rejected MPCA’s request for the payment by BCCI to vendors for the purchase of grounds maintenance equipment.

ITEM 4: LEGAL MATTERS

A. Release of Funds to Compliant Associations; Status Update – Kerala Cricket Association; Gujarat Cricket Association – Permission to claim Infrastructure Subsidy for New Stadium & Unblocking of Amount of Rs. 16.75 Crores

1. The COA was informed that there are certain difficulties being faced in releasing amounts to the State Associations. This is because, although the State Associations have discussed their grievances with the Learned Amicus Curiae, they have not provided



their revised constitutions to the BCCI and, accordingly, the process of scrutinizing and verifying the amended constitution documents has not been done.

2. The 'Protocol for Induction of Former International Players' was also discussed. It was discussed that the said protocol should be published on the BCCI website.
3. The compliance status of Kerala Cricket Association ("KCA") was discussed. The COA was informed that KCA has been declared compliant and that BCCI can release funds to KCA.
4. As regards the issues faced by Gujarat Cricket Association ("GCA"), the COA was informed that GCA has requested release of the amount of Rs. 16.75 crores lying in GCA's bank account for utilisation for its work. The COA was informed that the amount has been blocked in view of the specific orders passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court, and therefore, it would be advisable for the GCA to approach the Hon'ble Supreme Court for the release of the amounts.
5. The COA was also informed that GCA has requested for release of amounts as infrastructure subsidy for a new stadium being constructed in Motera, Ahmedabad. The policy regarding infrastructure subsidy was discussed. It was suggested that this matter may be considered after finalisation of the fund disbursement policy.
6. After some further discussion, the COA decided that:
 - (a) The 'Protocol for Induction of Former International Players' should be published on the BCCI website;
 - (b) Funds may be disbursed to Kerala Cricket Association; and
 - (c) The request for infrastructure subsidy made by Gujarat Cricket Association shall be considered after finalisation of the fund disbursement policy policy.

B. Draft Compliance Assessment Report for Nagaland Cricket Association

1. The COA was informed that Nagaland Cricket Association has provided its amended constitution. The deviations in the constitution provided by Nagaland Cricket Association as compared to the BCCI's constitution have been identified. However, a copy of the minutes of the meeting between the Nagaland Cricket Association and the Learned Amicus Curiae is awaited.
2. It was suggested that prior to any decision being taken, the views of the Learned Amicus Curiae should be considered. Accordingly, no decision was taken in relation to Nagaland Cricket Association.



C. Draft e-mail from COA to Jammu & Kashmir Cricket Association

1. The draft e-mail to be sent to the Jammu & Kashmir Cricket Association (“JKCA”) in relation to the proceeding with the induction of former international players to JKCA was placed before the COA.
2. After some discussion, the COA decided that it will presently not send the aforesaid e-mail to the JKCA.

D. Deviations in the Constitution submitted by Maharashtra Cricket Association

3. The COA was informed that although Maharashtra Cricket Association has submitted its revised constitution, major deviations continue to exist in the said revised constitution. It was suggested that an email may be sent to the Maharashtra Cricket Association indicating the deviations that continue to exist.
4. After some further discussion, the COA decided that an email should be sent to the Maharashtra Cricket Association pointing out the deviations existing in the revised constitution provided by Maharashtra Cricket Association.

ITEM 5: ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

A. Advertised/ Pending Vacancies

1. The COA was informed that the positions of HR Manager, Assistant Manager (Operations), Legal Advisor, Compliance Officer – Legal, are all vacant. BCCI had issued job descriptions for some of these positions. However, the process was not completed as the COA had restricted recruitments at that time. It was recommended that recruitments for these roles should be conducted for better operation and management of the BCCI.
2. It was discussed out that the BCCI elections are already scheduled and therefore, this matter can be taken up after the elections. It was also discussed that the General Body, once elected, is not involved in the recruitment for these positions and therefore, the recruitment does not need to be conducted only after elections.
3. After some further discussion, the COA decided that BCCI can proceed with the recruitment for the position of HR Manager, Legal Advisor and Compliance officer – Legal.

ITEM 6: ANY OTHER MATTER

A. Invitation from Bangladesh Cricket Board for World XI v. Asia XI.



1. The COA was informed that discussions are ongoing with the Bangladesh Cricket Board in relation to the tournament to be conducted by the Bangladesh Cricket Board.
2. The COA took note of the same.

B. Proceedings against Mr. V. V. S Laxman before the Ethics Officer

1. The COA referred to the submissions made by Mr. V. V. S Laxman before the Learned Ethics Officer and noted that Mr. Laxman had raised a grievance that the terms of reference of the CAC have not been sent to the 3 members of the CAC.
2. It was also noted that the COA had, during the meeting held on 27th April 2019, decided that the terms of reference of the CAC should be sent after the present proceedings before the Ombudsman have concluded.
3. After some further discussion, the COA decided that it will await the decision of the Learned Ethics Officer in the proceedings relating to Mr. Sourav Ganguly, Mr. V. V. S. Laxman and Mr. Sachin Tendulkar and thereafter take a decision in relation to the terms of reference of the CAC.

C. Issues relating to Kings XI Punjab IPL Franchise

1. The matter relating to the course of action that should be adopted in light of the recent news reports relating to one of the owners of the Kings XI Punjab IPL Franchise, was discussed. The COA was informed that the BCCI has asked the Kings XI Punjab Franchise for information as the only source of information presently are news reports.
2. The COA was further informed that BCCI has received requests from the news media in relation to BCCI's stand / position on this issue.
3. After some discussion, the COA decided that the news media may be informed that BCCI has sought clarification and is awaiting the said information.

D. T-20 League for Armed Forces

1. The COA was informed that the Armed Forces have expressed a desire to conduct a T20 premier league in Jammu & Kashmir.
2. It was discussed that in order for BCCI to consider this request, the JKCA would have to make a formal request to the BCCI.
3. After some discussion, the COA decided that:



(a) In principle, there is no objection to the proposed T20 premier league provided that the said league is run by the JKCA; and

(b) BCCI will consider this matter once a formal request is received from JKCA.

E. Request from Vidarbha Cricket Association

1. The COA was informed that the Vidarbha Cricket Association (“VCA”) had expressed its desire to make changes to its constitution.
2. After some discussion, the COA decided that all such requests should be directed to the Learned Amicus Curiae, who has been empowered by the Hon’ble Supreme Court to hear the concerns raised by the various State Cricket Associations and make recommendations to the COA.

F. Conflict of Interest in relation to Players

1. The COA was informed that certain first class players have been approached for the work of commentary.
2. It was discussed that such first class players may be conflicted and may not be in a position to accept such commentary assignments.
3. After some discussion, the COA decided that in all such cases, it would be for the Learned Ethics Officer to decide whether there is any conflict and, if so, whether the said conflict is ‘tractable’ or ‘intractable’.

G. Request from a Player

1. The COA discussed that one of the players from the Men’s Senior Team had made a request for permission for his wife to accompany him to the World Cup tour earlier than is otherwise permissible.
2. The COA was informed that the matter is being discussed with the concerned player and that it may not be advisable to grant this request.
3. After some discussion, the COA decided that it will not accede to the above request from the concerned player.

H. Grievances raised by the State Associations from North Eastern India

1. The COA noted that the grievances raised by the State Associations from North Eastern India have been discussed with the Learned Amicus Curiae.



2. After some discussion, the COA decided that a note should be prepared capturing the discussions with the Learned Amicus Curiae in relation to the grievances raised by the State Associations from North Eastern India.

I. Conflict relating to persons associated with the Indian Railways

1. There was a detailed discussion as to the disqualifications contained in the BCCI constitution.
2. The COA was informed that on the basis of disqualification under the BCCI Constitution, persons associated with the Indian Railways are being removed from positions of management in various State Cricket Associations.
3. It was suggested that a legal opinion may be sought to clarify the applicability of these disqualifications in relation to persons associated with the Indian Railways. Thereafter, in consultation with the Learned Amicus Curiae, guidelines may be framed as to the scope of the definition of 'Government Servant'.
4. After some further discussion, the COA decided that a legal opinion may be sought from a former Supreme Court judge on the interpretation of the term 'Government Servant' in the BCCI Constitution.

J. Team from Chandigarh

1. After some discussion, the COA decided that Chandigarh need not field a team for the upcoming domestic season.

Meeting concluded.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'V. R.', is located below the text 'Meeting concluded.'.