

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF ADMINISTRATORS  
HELD ON 21<sup>st</sup> MAY 2019 AT ITC MAURYA, NEW DELHI**

Mr. Vinod Rai – Chairman  
Ms. Diana Edulji  
Lt. Gen. Ravindra Thodge  
Mr. Rahul Johri – BCCI CEO  
Mr. Santosh Rangnekar – BCCI CFO  
Mr. Biswa Patnaik – BCCI Legal Advisor  
Ms. Melinda Colaco – BCCI Legal Advisor  
Mr. Indranil Deshmukh (Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas)  
Mr. Vineet Unnikrishnan (Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas)  
Ms. Rachyeta Shah (Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas)

**ITEM 1: CRICKETING MATTERS**

A. Future Tours Program for 2019 – 2020 and Update on Discussion with Cricket Australia

1. The overseas schedule for the 2019 – 2020 season was presented to the COA. The COA was informed that the schedule ensures that there are proper gaps between the various tours. Approval was sought for the announcement of the schedule.
2. The COA was also informed that, in consultation with Cricket Australia, the dates for the three ODI matches between India and Australia in 2020, have been finalised.
3. After some discussion, the COA approved the announcement of the overseas tours schedule.

B. Family Clause of the Players' Contracts

1. The issue of whether the authority to approve any visits from visitors outside the Visitor Period should vest with the Team Captain and Coach or with the BCCI management was discussed. It was noted that the BCCI management has traditionally decided these matters. It was also noted that the BCCI Constitution requires cricketing and non-cricketing matters are to be kept separate.
2. After some further discussion, the COA decided that:
  - (a) The authority to approve any visits from visitors outside the Visitor Period should vest with the Team Captain and Coach; and
  - (b) This should be reflected in the Family Clause of the Players' Contracts.

C. Affiliation of an Association from the Union Territory of Chandigarh



After some discussion, the COA decided that the Affiliation Committee should have its draft report reviewed by the Legal Team and thereafter place it before the COA for its consideration.

D. Ad-hoc Committees

After a brief discussion, the COA decided that it will take up this matter at a subsequent meeting.

E. Tender Notice for Construction of Indoor Cricket Centres at Shillong and Dimapur

1. The draft tender notice to be issued for the construction of 2 indoor practice facilities at Shillong (Meghalaya) and Dimapur (Nagaland) was placed for COA's approval.
2. After some discussion, the COA decided that this matter should be taken up by the appropriate body once the BCCI elections have taken place.

F. National Cricket Academy: Level – A Coach Course Certificates

1. The COA was informed that the Acting Secretary has refused to sign the certificates to be issued to the candidates who have completed the Level-A coaching course conducted by the National Cricket Academy ("NCA").
2. After some discussion, the COA authorised the CEO to sign the certificates to be issued to candidates who have completed the Level-A coaching course conducted by the NCA.

G. National Cricket Academy: RFQ for construction of four cricket grounds and one practice ground

After some discussion, the COA approved the issuance of the RFQ for the construction of 4 cricket grounds and 1 practice ground at the NCA.

**ITEM 3: LEGAL MATTERS**

A. Cricket Players Association: Temporary Office permission

1. The COA was informed that the Steering Committee/ Working Group has requested to rent temporary office space for the Cricket Players' Association ("CPA") for an amount of Rs. 15,000/- per month.
2. After some discussion, the COA approved the said request for temporary office space for the CPA.



## ITEM 4: FINANCE MATTERS

### A. UK VAT Reclamation Process

1. The COA was informed that BCCI usually books hospitality boxes when ICC World Cup matches are held outside India. The COA was also informed that BCCI has been approached by certain agencies with a proposal to assist BCCI in obtaining refund of the VAT amount that is leviable on the price of these hospitality boxes. These agencies have offered to arrange for this refund from the relevant authorities in the United Kingdom for a fee that is approximately 15-20% of the amount to be refunded.
2. It was discussed that one of the conditions for obtaining the refund is that certain documents and information will have to be provided by BCCI to these agencies and/or the relevant authorities in the United Kingdom. It was also discussed that some of the said documents and information are confidential.
3. After some further discussion, the COA decided that it will not seek refund of the VAT amount that is leviable on the price of hospitality boxes booked by BCCI for the ICC World Cup 2019.

### B. Availing of Amnesty Scheme for VAT liability for FY 2007-08 to 2009-10

1. The COA was informed that the Maharashtra Sales Tax, Authority has introduced an amnesty scheme for payment of VAT liability, pursuant to which 50% tax, 10% interest and 5% penalty is payable for settlement of liability.
2. The COA was informed that since BCCI has received demands for payment of VAT, it had sought the views of the consultant advising the BCCI in VAT matters and has been advised that it should not presently avail of this amnesty scheme.
3. After some discussion, the COA decided that BCCI should not presently avail of the amnesty scheme.

### C. BCCI headquarters 1<sup>st</sup> floor renovation

1. The estimate of costs for renovation of the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the BCCI headquarters was placed before the COA. It was discussed that the Finance Department may need to shift out to temporary office space while the renovation work is ongoing.
2. After some further discussion, the COA decided that the matter relating to obtaining temporary office space will be considered after the requisite approvals/ permissions for the renovation work have been obtained.



D. Financial Assistance to Odisha Cricket Association for Damage caused by Cyclone Fani

1. The COA was informed that Odisha Cricket Association (“OCA”) has requested for financial assistance for damage that was caused by Cyclone Fani.
2. After some discussion, the COA decided that BCCI should ask the OCA for information relating to the damage caused due to the Cyclone Fani.

E. Engagement of Trainees/ Interns

1. The COA was informed that the Finance Department would benefit by engaging trainees/ interns. The COA was also informed that it receives many requests for internship/ trainee positions but has not accepted interns/ trainees till now.
2. It was discussed that it would be beneficial, both to the trainees as well as BCCI, to engage interns/ trainees.
3. After some further discussion, the COA decided that BCCI may engage interns/ trainees in the Finance Team, Cricket Operations Team and Legal Team.

F. ICC Full member distribution

1. The COA was informed that BCCI will be paid the International Cricket Council (“ICC”) Full Member distribution amount for the year 2019 on the submission of Audited and Signed Final Accounts for the FY 2017 – 2018.
2. The COA took note of the above.

G. FEMA Consultant’s approval/certification of Foreign Remittances

1. The COA was informed that from April 2019, the FEMA consultant engaged by the BCCI has been mandated to check and verify each foreign remittance. The COA was also informed that the transaction is effected by the BCCI only after approval/clearance is received from the FEMA consultant.
2. The COA took note of the above.

H. Proceedings relating to Service Tax Refund

1. The COA was informed that the service tax refund claimed by BCCI in proceedings relating to one of its service providers has been rejected. The COA was also informed that an appeal has been preferred against the said order.



2. The COA took note of the above.

I. Order passed by CESTAT

1. The COA was informed that BCCI, in relation to proceedings pending before the CESTAT, BCCI will proceed on the basis of advice received from the consultants engaged by the BCCI.

2. The COA took note of the above.

J. Miscellaneous Finance Matters

1. The COA was informed that the audit process for the FY 2017 – 18 is almost complete. It was discussed that since the audited accounts are required to be signed by the office bearers of the BCCI, the presentation by the auditors should also be made to the office bearers of BCCI.

2. The issue of allocation of funds to the State Cricket Associations was discussed. It was discussed that this is part of the larger issue of Fund Disbursement Policy, both in respect of State Cricket Associations as well as players, which should be looked at by the auditor. The need for appointing observers in all State Cricket Associations to monitor fund utilisation and for development of cricket in the States was also discussed.

3. The need for evolving a system where the BCCI Ombudsman also has appellate authority over decisions of the Ombudsman of each State Cricket Association was discussed.

4. The COA was informed that a certification letter is to be issued to the statutory auditors for the audit work relating to the FY 2018 – 19, which would be subject to ratification by the General Body of BCCI.

5. After some discussion, the COA approved the issuance of the certification letter to the statutory auditors for the FY 2018-19.

K. Presentation by Statutory Auditors

The representatives of the Statutory Auditors joined the meeting.

1. The COA was informed that the statutory auditors have almost completed the audit for FY 2017-2018.

2. The statutory auditors took the COA through the highlights of the presentation on BCCI Financial Accounts for FY 2017-18. IPL Income & Expenditure Account Statement for IPL Season 2018 and Financial Controls.



The representatives of the Statutory Auditors left the meeting.

## **ITEM 5: ANY OTHER MATTER**

### **A. Timeline for Elections and Related Matters**

1. The proposed timelines to ensure compliance with the recommendations of the Hon'ble Justice Lodha Committee (as accepted by the Hon'ble Supreme Court) and the BCCI Constitution as well as for the conduct of the elections of the State Cricket Association and the BCCI were discussed.
2. The need for appointment of the Electoral Officer of the BCCI as well as the terms of appointment of the Electoral Officer were discussed. It was discussed that the preparation of the Electoral Protocol can be completed after the Electoral Officer of BCCI has been appointed. The process of membership of former international players to the State Cricket Associations was also discussed.
3. The COA noted that the process of registration of the CPA is ongoing. The modalities of membership to the State Chapters of the CPA were discussed.
4. The COA discussed and appointed dates for the completion of the elections of the State Cricket Association and the date of the BCCI elections. The need for having a meeting with representatives from the State Cricket Associations from North Eastern India was discussed. The need for the Affiliation Committee to look into the issue of Affiliation of an association from Uttarakhand was also discussed.
5. After some further discussion, the COA decided that:
  - (a) The COA will send an email to the Chief Election Commissioner of India seeking his recommendation for a person to be appointed as the Electoral Officer of BCCI;
  - (b) The COA will send a communication to all State Cricket Associations requesting for a list of all players who have represented the State Cricket Association;
  - (c) The timelines for compliance and conduct of elections shall be announced;
  - (d) A meeting between the COA and the representatives of the State Cricket Associations from North Eastern India should be fixed, and



- (e) The Affiliation Committee should look into the issue of grant of affiliation to an association from Uttarakhand and place its recommendation before the COA after visiting Uttarakhand, if required.

B. Proceedings before the Ethics Officer

1. The COA was updated as to the status of the proceedings before the Ethics Officer in relation to Mr. V. V. S. Laxman and Mr. Sachin Tendulkar.
2. After some discussion, the COA decided that it will request the Ethics Officer for guidance in relation to the interpretation of the conflict of interest rules under the BCCI Constitution.

Meeting concluded.

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

