

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF ADMINISTRATORS
HELD ON 5th AUGUST 2019 AT HOTEL TAJ PALACE, NEW DELHI**

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Ms. Diana Edulji
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**ITEM 1: CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE MEETING
OF THE COMMITTEE OF ADMINISTRATORS HELD ON 29TH JUNE 2019 AND 6TH
JULY 2019**

A. Draft Minutes of the Meeting held on 29th June 2019

The COA approved the draft minutes of the meetings of the Committee of Administrators held on 29th June 2019 and the same were signed by the Chairman. The COA decided that the signed minutes should be put up on the BCCI website in the interests of transparency.

B. Draft Minutes of the Meeting held on 6th July 2019

1. The COA asked the Legal team to carry out certain changes to the draft minutes of the meeting. After some discussion, the COA approved the draft minutes of meeting with the said changes and decided that the signed minutes should be put up on the BCCI website in the interests of transparency.

ITEM 2: LEGAL MATTERS

A. Doping Violation by an International Cricketer

Dr. Abhijit Salvi (BCCI) joined the meeting.

1. The timeliness and the events in the matter relating to the doping incident of an international cricketer were discussed. The COA noted that the BCCI proceeded expeditiously on receipt of the report from the laboratory and therefore, delay should not be attributed to the BCCI. The COA was of the view that it would be beneficial to publish a chart indicating the timeline of the actions taken so that the matter can be looked at in perspective. The COA further noted that the press release which was published previously did not have the relevant timelines.



2. The COA noted the processes in place for the adjudication and imposition of a ban on a player. The COA noted that the ban imposed on the international cricketer will result in him not being in a position to play 3 (three) test series, if selected.
3. After some discussion, the COA decided that a media release containing the timelines in relation to the doping violation should be published.

B. Letter received from the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports regarding dope test for cricketers

1. The COA was informed that the letter received from the Ministry of Sports is in response to BCCI's letter to the Ministry of Sports in November 2017.
2. The COA was informed that the BCCI can consider responding to the letter by reiterating its position stating that BCCI does not fall within the jurisdiction of the National Anti-Doping Agency. A draft response to the letter received from the Ministry of Sports was placed for the COA's consideration.
3. The COA was of the view that it would be appropriate for BCCI to discuss these matters with the officials at the Sports Ministry and that the position communicated to the Sports Ministry should be that the BCCI is happy to co-operate, so long as all safeguards for the players are kept in place.
4. After some discussion, the COA decided that no written response should be sent to the Ministry of Sports at this time, instead, the CEO should meet with the officials from the Ministry of Sports, at the earliest to resolve the issue.

Dr. Abhijit Salvi left the meeting.

C. Meeting with representatives of Odisha Cricket Association, Union Sporting Club & Goa Cricket Association and Sarvodaya Sporting Club

1. The COA noted that the grievances raised by the parties relate to the membership of the relevant State Associations and that it would be appropriate for the COA to only give guidance in these matters. The COA also noted that the Hon'ble Supreme Court had passed oral directions for the COA to look into these grievances and accordingly the parties have been called for a hearing before the COA.

The representatives of Sarvodaya Sporting Club joined the meeting. There was no representation from Goa Cricket Association.

2. The representatives of Sarvodaya Sporting Club made their oral submissions.

3. The COA was informed that vide e-mail dated 3rd August 2019, the Goa Cricket Association (“GCA”) has stated that the Hon’ble Supreme Court has not issued notice in I.A. No. 49512 of 2019 in C.A. No. 4235 of 2014 nor has the GCA received any intimation from the Ld. Amicus Curiae in this regard. Further, the GCA has no means of verifying the oral directions issued by the Hon’ble Supreme Court as they were not provided notice. The GCA has indicated that it would be appropriate for the COA not to proceed in these matters as the I.A filed by Sarvodaya Sports Club shows as to be listed on 8th August 2019. The COA took note of the same.
4. The COA informed the representatives that the COA would consider the submissions made on behalf of Sarvodaya Sporting Club.

The representatives of Sarvodaya Sporting Club left the meeting.

The representatives of Union Sporting Club, KIIT, Rameshwar Sporting Club and Shaheed Sporting Club as well as the Odisha Cricket Association (“OCA”) joined the meeting.

5. The representatives of Union Sporting Club and the OCA made their oral submissions. The representative of the OCA sought time to reply to the grievances raised by Union Sporting Club and further requested that he be permitted to address an e-mail providing the OCA’s submissions to the COA. The COA acceded to this request. It was also noted that although KIIT was present, as the grievances raised relate to the procedure for admission of KIIT as a member, this aspect is to be dealt with by the OCA and, therefore, KIIT need not make any submissions to justify its competence for the grant of membership to it.
6. The representatives of Rameshwar Sporting Club and Shaheed Sporting Clubs also made their oral submissions. The representative of the OCA sought time to reply to the grievances raised by Rameshwar Sporting Club and Shaheed Sporting Club. The COA acceded to this request.

The representatives of Union Sporting Club, KIIT, Rameshwar Sporting Club and Shaheed Sporting Club as well as the OCA left the meeting.

7. The COA discussed the grievances raised by the parties. The COA discussed that the issues relating to the OCA and its clubs may be considered after receipt of the submissions from the OCA.
8. After some discussion, the COA decided that recommendations and/or a circular may be issued encouraging State Associations to consider granting membership to clubs, if such clubs are involved in cricketing activities.

D. Status of Compliance by State Associations



1. A chart showing the status of compliance of the State Associations was placed for the COA's consideration.
2. The COA noted that the State Associations which are not compliant would not be included in the list of members when the electoral roll for the BCCI elections is drawn up. The COA discussed the status of compliance of certain State Associations and observed that the State Associations should be encouraged to achieve full compliance.

E. Agreement regarding grant of Radio Broadcast Rights to All India Radio

After some discussion, the COA decided that the matter may be taken up at a subsequent meeting.

F. Reference of Certain Issues to the Ombudsman

1. After some discussion, the COA decided that the cover note to the Ombudsman in relation to the appointment of the Head Coach of the Senior Women's Team may be suitably modified to include the points mentioned by Ms. Edulji and the matter may be referred to the Ombudsman for adjudication.
2. As regards the matter relating to one of the employees of BCCI, the COA was informed that the reference is required to be signed by the COA members, pursuant to which the same may be sent to the Ombudsman/ Ethics Officer for adjudication. The COA members took note of the same and decided that the reference would be signed by the 3 COA members.

G. Approval of Responses to the Complaints filed before the COA and the Ethics Officer

The COA approved the draft responses to certain complaints filed before the COA and the Ethics Officer and decided that the same may be sent to the Ethics Officer or the complainant, as the case may be.

ITEM 3: ANY OTHER MATTER

A. Hosting of Pakistan Women's team

The COA was informed that the Pakistan Cricket Board is following up on the status of the upcoming tournament. The COA discussed that the CEO can discuss the matter with the officials at the Sports Ministry. The COA further decided that communication may be sent to the Pakistan Cricket Board indicating that the BCCI is awaiting the approval from the Government in relation to the tournament.

B. National Cricket Academy



1. The COA discussed the various issues faced by the National Cricket Academy including the non-availability of grounds, process of selection of junior teams, tenure of support staff and coaches, lack of medical practitioner at the National Cricket Academy, requirement of women support staff for the women's teams, requirement of a master plan for the development of the grounds.
2. After some discussion, the COA decided that the issues should be discussed with the NCA personnel prior to any decision being taken in this regard.

Meeting concluded.



