

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF ADMINISTRATORS
HELD ON 13TH AUGUST 2019 AT HOTEL OBEROI, MUMBAI**

Mr. Vinod Rai – Chairman
Ms. Diana Edulji
Lt. Gen. Ravindra Thodge
Mr. Rahul Johri – BCCI CEO
Mr. Hemang Amin – BCCI IPL COO
Mr. Tufan Ghosh – BCCI NCA COO
Mr. Saba Karim – BCCI – Cricket Operations
Mr. Biswa Patnaik – BCCI Sr. Legal Advisor
Ms. Melinda Colaco – BCCI Legal Advisor
Mr. Indranil Deshmukh (Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas)
Mr. Vikash Kumar Jha (Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas)
Ms. Rachyeta Shah (Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas)

ITEM 1: LEGAL MATTERS

A. Status of compliance by State Associations

Mr. N. Gopalaswami (Electoral Officer – BCCI) joined the meeting via video conference.

1. The status of compliance of the various State Associations was discussed. It was discussed that once the list of compliant State Associations is approved by the Electoral Officer, the same may be published on the BCCI website.
2. The timelines for the elections as well as the grievances raised by some State Associations expressing inability to comply with the dates mentioned in the schedule were discussed. It was discussed that a date may be fixed for the receipt of the names of the representatives to the BCCI from the State Associations such that the associations can ensure that the elections are conducted by such date.
3. It was discussed that 2 (two) lists can be uploaded on the BCCI website viz. (i) a list specifying the State Associations which have appointed Electoral Officers; and (ii) a list setting out compliance status of the State Associations with reference to the constitution.
4. After some further discussion, the COA decided that once the Electoral Officer of BCCI approves the list, the list of State Associations which have appointed Electoral Officers and a list indicating the status of compliance of the various State Associations should be published on the BCCI website.

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Mr. N. Gopaldaswami (Electoral Officer – BCCI) left the meeting.

B. Agreement for grant of Radio Broadcast Rights to All India Radio

1. The COA was informed that the All India Radio (“AIR”) have requested for certain changes in the terms of agreement. The COA discussed the changes requested and decided that the same may be accepted.
2. After some discussion, the COA approved the revised terms of the agreement with AIR.

ITEM 2: IPL MATTERS

A. Playing IPL Matches in Guwahati

1. The COA was informed that one of the franchise owners has requested that 3 (three) matches in the IPL 2020 season be played in Guwahati, subject to review of facilities which they are to commence with the team this month.
2. After some discussion, the COA approved the request for playing 3 (three) matches of the IPL season in Guwahati.

B. Internal Restructuring in the Ownership of one of the IPL Teams

1. The COA was informed that BCCI has received intimation in the change in the shareholding structure of the company owning the IPL franchise team such that there is no change in the owner and controller of the franchisee.
2. The COA took note of the above.

ITEM 3: CRICKETING MATTERS

A. Duleep Trophy and Vijay Hazare Trophy budget approval

1. The COA was informed that for the purposes of organising the Duleep Trophy and Vijay Hazare Trophy, advance payments as hosting fees is required to be made to the State Associations which are hosting these matches and approval was requested for the same.
2. After some discussion, the COA approved the payment of hosting fees to the State Association hosting the Duleep Trophy and Vijay Hazare Trophy.

B. Update on Participation of a Team from Chandigarh in Domestic Matches



1. The COA was informed that the UT Cricket Association, Chandigarh (“UTCA”) has requested that their team be included in all domestic matches. The COA was informed that it is proposed to include the team from UTCA in all matches where the format is not ‘home and away’. In the following year, the team would be included in all domestic matches.
2. After some discussion, the COA approved the plan for the inclusion of the team from Chandigarh, as proposed.

C. Affiliation of an Association from the State of Uttarakhand

1. The COA perused the draft decision granting membership to Cricket Association of Uttarakhand (“CAU”) from the State of Uttarakhand and approved the same.
2. The COA discussed that the CAU should take steps towards compliance and amending its constitution in compliance with the Hon’ble Supreme Court’s judgment dated 9th August 2018 (“**Judgment**”).
3. The COA members signed the decision granting affiliation to UTCA and decided that the decision granting affiliation to UTCA should be published on the BCCI website in the interests of transparency.

D. Approval for Construction of Pavilion/ Dressing Rooms at Palam Ground

1. The COA was informed that the renovations at the Palam ground are ongoing. However, there is need for a pavilion and dressing room at the grounds and approval was requested for the construction of the same.
2. After some discussion, the COA approved the construction of the pavilion and dressing rooms at the Palam Ground.

E. Matters relating to Bihar Cricket Association

1. The COA was informed that there appear to be various factions and the internal disputes within the Bihar Cricket Association which are affecting the cricketing activities in the State. The COA was informed that one of the factions has requested for a meeting with the COA. The COA discussed that the submissions of the various factions can be made to the COA, pursuant to which appropriate actions may be considered.
2. After some discussion, the COA decided that representations may be called for from the various factions / groups from the Bihar Cricket Association, pursuant to which a report may be prepared for the COA’s consideration.



ITEM 4: ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

A. Approval for Commencing Tender Process for BCCI/ IPL Digital Properties

1. The COA was informed that contracts in relation to the design, hosting and maintenance of the digital properties of BCCI and IPL i.e. website, mobile application and WAPsite needs to be renewed. For this purpose, it would be appropriate for the tender process should be followed and approval for the same was requested.
2. After some discussion, the COA decided that a tender process should be followed for the BCCI / IPL digital properties.

ITEM 5: FINANCE MATTERS

A. Release of Funds to State Cricket Associations

1. The COA was informed that some State Associations have submitted the end use certificate for the first instalment of funds that was disbursed. The COA discussed that the BCCI Finance team should verify the end use certificate that the associations have/ are providing. Pursuant to such verification, the release of 2nd instalment may be considered.
2. After some discussion, the COA decided that the representatives from the Finance team shall verify the details of the usage of the funds of the 1st instalment by the State Associations.

ITEM 6: ANY OTHER MATTER

A. National Cricket Academy

Mr. Rahul Dravid (Head Cricket Coach– NCA) joined the meeting.

1. The COA discussed the various issues faced by the National Cricket Academy (“NCA”). The COA discussed that the grounds at the NCA may be developed in order to make them ready for utilisation for NCA activities. In order to do so, it was discussed that a Master Plan for the NCA may be prepared.
2. The COA was informed that the schedule for camps at the NCA needs to be revised to accommodate all the various activities carried out. The COA discussed that a schedule template may be created which can be followed year on year.



3. The COA noted that certain positions at the NCA have fallen vacant and discussed that these recruitments should be undertaken on priority.

Mr. Rahul Dravid (Head Cricket Coach – NCA) left the meeting.

4. The COA discussed the challenges being faced in the applicability of the conflict of interest rules, specifically in relation to persons being recruited in coaching and other such cricketing positions. The COA noted that it is the Apex Council (now COA) which is required to consider the declarations made by the prospective employees and take a decision whether the disclosure by prospective employees are to be referred to the Ethics Officer of the BCCI.
5. The COA discussed the way forward in the matters pertaining to an employee of BCCI as well as the Head Cricket – NCA. The COA approved the draft response to be filed with the Ethics Officer in the matter.
6. The COA further noted that once a declaration of conflict has been made by a prospective employee/ retainer of BCCI and BCCI has cleared the employee/ retainer of any conflict, then BCCI should defend its decision taken to have employed the employee in the event there is any notice sent to him by the Ethics Officer of BCCI. Ms. Edulji disagreed with this view and stated that all the conflict of interest disclosures of the prospective employees should be placed before the Ethics Officer of the BCCI for his/her consideration before a decision is taken with regards to the said employment.
7. After some discussion, the COA decided that:
 - (a) A detailed plan for the NCA and its activities to be placed for COA's approval;
 - (b) The draft responses to be sent to the Ethics Officer in the case of the employee and the Head Cricket Coach– NCA is approved, and may be forwarded to the Ethics Officer; and
 - (c) BCCI should appear and defend the employee / retainers in matters before the Ethics Officer when it has cleared that employee/ retainer of any conflict of interest.

B. Election Rules of Procedure

1. The COA was informed that once the draft election rules of procedure are approved, the same would be published on the BCCI website. Further, the election rules for the State Associations would have to be formulated on the basis of the election rules of procedure of BCCI.
2. After some discussion, the COA approved the Election rules of procedure.



C. Appointment of Head Coach

1. The COA was informed that the meeting of the panel for the selection of the Head Coach has been fixed on 16th August 2019 and that 6 (six) applicants have been shortlisted for the interview on 16th August 2019. The COA discussed the process followed for the shortlisting of the applicants.
2. The COA discussed that there appear to be many matters which are affected by the conflict of interest rules and that it would be appropriate to obtain the views of persons involved/ affected by the same, prior to raising the issue before the Hon'ble Supreme Court.
3. After some discussion, the COA decided that:
 - (i) A meeting / workshop should be held to discuss the conflict of interest issues;

D. NADA issue

The COA discussed what transpired at the meeting between the BCCI representatives and the Ministry of Sports and the members of the COA expressed their views in this regard.

E. Protocol for induction of former players

After some discussion, the COA approved the publication of the protocol for induction of former players on the BCCI website.

Meeting concluded.

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