

MINUTES OF THE 16th APEX COUNCIL MEETING OF BOARD OF CONTROL FOR CRICKET IN INDIA (BCCI) HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 21ST DECEMBER 2022 AT 6.00 P.M. via VIDEO CONFERENCING

Present:

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| 1. Mr. Roger Binny | Honorary President, Chairperson |
| 2. Mr. Jay Shah | Honorary Secretary |
| 3. Mr. Rajeev Shukla | Honorary Vice President |
| 4. Mr. Ashish Shelar | Honorary Treasurer |
| 5. Mr. Devajit Saikia | Honorary Joint Secretary |
| 6. Mr. Khairul Jamal Majumdar | Councillor |
| 7. Mr. C.M. Sane | CAG Nominee |
| 8. Mr. Dilip Vengsarkar | ICA Representative (Female) |
| 9. Ms. Shubhangi Kulkarni | ICA Representative (Female) |

BCCI staff members were invited to speak on specific Agenda items, as and when required.

1. CHAIRPERSON

Mr. Roger Binny, the Honorary President, BCCI (the "**Chairperson**") presided over the meeting. He greeted all the newly elected members to the Apex Council and welcomed them to the 16th Apex Council Meeting of the BCCI. He explained that owing to the prevailing Covid-19 situation, certain members have joined the meeting via video conferencing.

2. QUORUM

After ascertaining that the requisite quorum for the meeting was present, the meeting was called to order.

Thereafter, Mr. Jay Shah, the Honorary Secretary, BCCI, welcomed all the members especially the new members to the Apex Council Mr. Vengsarkar and Ms. Kulkarni.

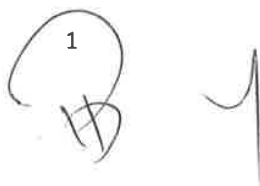
With the permission of all the members present, the notice convening the meeting, having already been circulated, was taken on record.

3. ITEM 1: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE 14TH AND 15TH APEX COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Chairperson took up the first item on the agenda which was which was confirmation of the minutes of the 14th Apex Council Meeting held on October 14, 2022, and 15th Apex Council Meeting held on October 27, 2022.

Certain changes as suggested by Mr. Sane were incorporated in the minutes of the 14th Apex Council Meeting and the following was added in Sr. No. 4 Item 2: Passing of BCCI Audited Financial Statement FY 2021-22 and Budget for FY 2022-23:

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"Mr. Sane further suggested that BCCI may continue to ensure that the financial statements of BCCI are in conformity with the requirements of Tamil Nadu Society Registration Act under which it has been registered, as also comply with other regulations stipulated under the said Act."

After some deliberation, minutes of the 14th Apex Council Meeting held on October 14, 2022, and 15th Apex Council Meeting held on October 27, 2022, were approved.

4. ITEM NO. 2: RETAINERSHIP CONTRACTS OF SENIOR MEN AND SENIOR WOMEN CRICKETERS FOR 2022-2023 SEASON

The Chairperson took up the next item on the agenda which was regarding the retainership contracts of senior men and senior women cricketers for 2022-2023 Season.

Mr. Jay Shah, Honorary Secretary informed the members that the General Body of the BCCI has authorized the office bearers to form the Cricket Advisory Committee (CAC). In this regard, once the CAC has been formed, the CAC shall decide regarding the retainership contracts of the senior men and women cricketers for 2022-2023 Season.

After some deliberations, the members took note of the update regarding retainership contracts of senior men and senior women cricketers for 2022-2023 Season.

5. ITEM NO. 3: UPDATE ON RENOVATION OF BCCI HEADQUARTERS AT MUMBAI AND SHIFTING OF STAFF TO TEMPORARY LOCATION ON RENTAL BASIS.

The Chairperson took up the next item on the agenda which was regarding an update on the renovation of BCCI Headquarters at Mumbai and shifting of staff to temporary location on rental basis. Papers in relation to this agenda item were already circulated to the members.

Mr. Jay Shah requested Mr. Hemang Amin to brief the members regarding the agenda.


Mr. Amin informed the members that the current BCCI headquarters at Wankhede Stadium was built in 2006-07 and there have been no renovation or upgradation of the office since, and the office urgently requires renovation. Since the ICC Cricket World Cup 2023 is approaching, it is advisable to upgrade the office. An office at Nariman Point, among other offices, has been shortlisted keeping in mind the financial and operational efficiency. The staff will therefore shift in or around February 2023 to the new office and should be able to come back to the office at Wankhede Stadium before the ICC Cricket World Cup 2023.

After some deliberations, the members took note of the update regarding the renovation of BCCI headquarters at Mumbai.

6. ITEM NO. 4: RATIFICATION OF VENUES FOR THE UPCOMING HOME SERIES AGAINST SRI LANKA, NEW ZEALAND AND AUSTRALIA.

The Chairperson took up the next item on the agenda which was ratification of venues for the upcoming home series against Sri Lanka, New Zealand and Australia. Papers in relation to this agenda item were already circulated to the members.

Mr. Jay Shah, Hon. Secretary requested Mr. Gaurav Saxena to brief the members regarding the agenda.



Mr. Saxena updated the members that the Tours, Fixtures and Technical Committee of the BCCI has suggested the following venues:

For home series against Sri Lanka – 3 T20Is at Mumbai, Pune and Rajkot and 3 ODIs at Guwahati, Kolkata and Thiruvananthapuram.

For home series against New Zealand – 3ODIs at Hyderabad, Raipur and Indore and 3 T20Is at Ranchi, Lucknow and Ahmedabad.

For home series against Australia – 4 Tests at Nagpur, Delhi, Dharamsala and Ahmedabad and 3 ODIs at Mumbai, Vishakhapatnama and Chennai. Mr. Jay Shah mentioned that an immediate inspection be done by the BCCI central pool of curators at Dharamsala, as the entire outfield has been re-laid recently.

After some deliberations, the members approved and ratified the recommendations of the Tours, Fixtures and Technical Committee of the BCCI.

7. ITEM NO. 5: UPDATE ON THE FOLLOWING BCCI SPONSORS - (1) BYJUS AND (2) MPL.

The Chairperson took up the next item on the agenda which was regarding update on sponsors – (1) BCCI and (2) MPL.

The Chairperson requested Mr. Hemang Amin to brief the members regarding the agenda.

(1) BYJU's (Team India Sponsor): Mr. Amin informed the members that both Byju's had agreed to extend its team Sponsorship rights at an escalated rights fee from the original fee till November 2023. However, Byju's has now requested for an earlier termination after T20 World Cup of 2022. The BCCI had requested Byju's to continue till March 31, 2023, when the season ends, which Byju's is considering. The members noted the development.

(2) MPL (Kit and Merchandising Sponsor): Mr. Amin mentioned that MPL Sports has requested for an assignment to another company as the Team Kit Sponsor, while MPL Sports would continue as the Merchandising Sponsor. Due to the tight schedule and ICC Clothing Regulations, having a non-commercial logo on the right chest position of the jersey was not possible. MPL Sports subsequently sought a complete assignment (Team Kit + Merchandising) at full value to Kewal Kiran Clothing Limited (KKCL), a fashion wear brand. Mr. Amin mentioned that with upcoming back-to-back home series and the women's away calendar, it is suggested that the current arrangement shouldn't be hampered as it involves performance gear for the national teams. After some deliberation, it was decided to have discussion with MPL to continue the association with MPL at least until 31.3.2023.

Mr. Jay Shah enquired whether bank guarantees are in place for both BYJU's and MPL? Mr. Amin apprised the members that while bank guarantees are with BCCI, the bank guarantee from Byju's will not cover all the payment that it is to be made till March 31, 2023.

Mr. Shah and Mr. Sane suggested to continue with the contracts till March 31, 2023, and to look for alternatives in the meanwhile.

After some deliberations, the members took note of the update and agreed to the suggestion to continue with the contracts with Byjus and MPL till March 31, 2023, and to look for alternatives in the meanwhile.

8. ITEM NO. 6: APPOINTMENT OF STATUTORY AUDITORS OF BCCI.

The Chairperson took up the next item on the agenda which was regarding the appointment of statutory auditors of BCCI.

Mr. Amin apprised the members that Deloitte were the statutory auditors of BCCI for a certain period of time and are now required to go through a cooling-off period.

Mr. Sane enquired regarding the procedure of appointment of Auditors as per the constitution. Mr. Amin apprised the members that the General Body of the BCCI have the authority to appoint the auditors. In the Annual General Meeting, the General Body of the BCCI had empowered the office bearers of BCCI to appoint the auditors.

After some deliberation, the members suggested going ahead with DTS & Associates LLP as the statutory auditors of BCCI for FY 2022-23 and certification for IPL season 2023 after receiving relevant information and papers about the firm.

9. ITEM NO. 7: DISCUSSION ON DONATION OF GYM EQUIPMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION CLUB OF INDIA.

The Chairperson took up the next item on the agenda which was discussing the donation of gym equipment to the Constitution Club of India.

Mr. Jay Shah apprised the members that the Constitution Club of India (CCI) have requested for funds from BCCI for the procurement of Gym equipment. Based on the negotiation on the cost and availability of the documents a final quote was submitted to BCCI which provided a final cost of Rs. 2.27 crores. In this regard, it is suggested that a lumpsum of Rs. 2.25 crores be donated to CCI directly towards purchase of Gym equipment.

The members took note of the update and approved the lumpsum donation of Rs. 2.25 crores to CCI directly towards purchase of Gym equipment.

10. ITEM NO. 8: CONSTITUTION OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE.

The Chairperson took up the next item on the agenda which was regarding the constitution of the infrastructure committee.

The Chairperson requested Mr. Biswa Patnaik, General Counsel, BCCI, to brief the members regarding the agenda item.

Mr. Patnaik apprised that the Infrastructure Committee was formed to address the requests from various state cricket associations regarding infrastructure subsidy. As the decisions required to be made by the committee are significant in nature, it is suggested that certain office bearers of BCCI be made part of the committee and the staff of BCCI only support the members of the committee in their functioning.

Mr. Jay Shah proposed the names of suggested the names of Mr. Ashish Shelar, Honorary Treasurer, BCCI and Mr. Devajit Saikia, Honorary Joint Secretary, BCCI for the Infrastructure Committee which was unanimously agreed by all members. It was also decided that the Infrastructure Committee will report to the Apex Council.

11. ITEM NO. 9: APPROVAL OF ONE-TIME PAYMENT TO MR. V. JAYADEVAN FOR CALCULATING TARGET SCORES IN RAIN-TRUNCATED LIMITED OVERS CRICKET MATCHES.

The Chairperson took up the next item on the agenda which was regarding the approval of one-time payment to Mr. V Jayadevan for calculating target scores in rain-truncated limited overs cricket matches.

Mr. Jay Shah apprised the members that the BCCI has adopted the method developed by Mr. V Jayadevan for calculating target scores in rain-truncated limited overs cricket matches since a long time. It is therefore suggested that a one-time payment of Rs. 21 Lakhs be made to him as a goodwill gesture. The members agreed with Mr. Shah, and it was agreed to make a one-time payment of Rs. 21 Lakhs to Mr. Jayadevan.

12. ITEM NO. 10: DISCUSSION ON INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADATION OF 15 VENUES - APPOINTMENT OF CONSULTANT- GRANT THORNTON.

The Chairperson took up the next item on the agenda which was discussing the infrastructure upgradation of 15 venues and appointment of consultant Grant Thornton in this regard.

Mr. Jay Shah apprised the members that with the ICC Cricket World Cup approaching, it is necessary to upgrade various stadiums and venues across the country. In this regard, it is recommended to appoint Grant Thornton (GT) for GAP assessment for upgradation of stadiums. The scope of work of GT will be to conduct a survey of the venues and submit its report in that regard.

After some deliberation, the members approved the appointment of Grant Thornton for GAP assessment for upgradation of 15 stadiums.

13. ITEM NO. 11: FORMATION OF CRICKET ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

The Chairperson took up the next item on the agenda which was regarding the formation of the Cricket Advisory Committee (CAC).

The Honorary Secretary apprised the members that the General Body of BCCI had empowered the office bearers to appoint the CAC. In this regard, the office bearers have appointed Mr. Ashok Malhotra, Mr. Jatin Paranjape and Ms. Sulakshana Naik as the members of the CAC.

After some deliberation, the members took note of the formation of the Cricket Advisory Committee.

14. ITEM NO. 12: TO CONSIDER ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIRPERSON MAY CONSIDER NECESSARY TO BE INCLUDED IN THE AGENDA.

- (i) **Allowance to Apex Council members for Apex Council meetings:** Mr. Shukla suggested that a policy be formulated regarding allowances to the Apex Council members who attend the Apex Council meetings (including online meetings) since considerable amount of time and energy is spent by members in going through the

papers and preparing their notes. The members agreed to the suggestion and requested the finance team to work on the policy.

- (ii) **Recognition of 50 years of women's cricket:** Ms. Kulkarni suggested that certain measures be taken to celebrate 50 years since the foundation of professional women's cricket. The members took note of the same and agreed to take measures in that regard.
- (iii) **Bone Testing for U-15 girls:** The Chairperson requested Mr. Abey Kuruvilla to apprise the members regarding bone testing for U-15 girls. Mr. Kuruvilla informed the members that majority of U-15 girls are failing eligibility tests of TW3 bone testing which has resulted in majority of selected players unable to make it to the team. It was suggested that one-time exemptions be granted to the U15 girls by considering only the birth certificate and not the TW3 test as the basis for age verification.

15. VOTE OF THANKS

The Chairperson thanked the Apex Council members and there being no other business, the meeting came to an end.

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