MINUTES OF THE 30th APEX COUNCIL MEETING (EMERGENT) OF BOARD OF CONTROL FOR CRICKET IN INDIA (BCCI) HELD ON MONDAY, 22ND SEPTEMBER 2025 AT 7.45 P.M. (IST) VIA VIDEO-CONFERENCING

Present:

1.	Mr. Rajeev Shukla	Honorary Vice President, Chairperson
2.	Mr. Devajit Saikia	Honorary Secretary
3.	Mr. Prabhtej Singh Bhatia	Honorary Treasurer
4.	Mr. Rohan Gauns Dessai,	Honorary Joint Secretary
5.	Mr. Khairul Jamal Majumdar	Councillor
6.	Ms. Shubhangi Kulkarni	ICA Representative (Female)
7.	Mr. Dilip Vengsarkar	ICA Representative (Male)

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

1. CHAIRPERSON

Mr. Rajeev Shukla, the Honorary Vice President, BCCI (the "**Chairperson**") presided over the meeting. He greeted all the members present in the Apex Council and welcomed them to the Apex Council Meeting of the BCCI.

2. LEAVE OF ABSENCE

As Mr. C. M. Sane has superannuated from the office of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India, and as the CAG has not yet communicated the name of its nominee, leave of absence was accordingly granted.

3. QUORUM

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

Thereafter, Mr. Devajit Saikia, the Honorary Secretary, BCCI, welcomed all the members. With the permission of all the members present, the notice and agenda convening the meeting, having already been circulated, was taken on record.

4. ITEM 1: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE 28TH (EMERGENT) AND 29TH (EMERGENT) APEX COUNCIL MEETING.

Mr. Shukla took up the first item on the Agenda which was confirmation of the minutes of the 28th Apex Council Meeting (Emergent) held on June 14, 2025 and 29th Apex Council Meeting (Emergent) held on August 27, 2025. The papers relating to the agenda point were already circulated to the members of the Apex Council.

After some deliberations, the minutes of the 28th Apex Council Meeting (Emergent) held on June 14, 2025 and 29th Apex Council Meeting (Emergent) held on August 27, 2025 were confirmed.

5. **ITEM 2: APPROVAL OF THE ICC-BCCI HOST AGREEMENT FOR THE PERIOD BETWEEN 2024-2031.**

Mr. Shukla took up the next item on the Agenda, which was regarding approval of the ICC-BCCI Host Agreement for the period between 2024-2031. The papers relating to the agenda point were already circulated to the members of the Apex Council.

Mr. Hemang Amin apprised the members that the host agreement is the template for the four events that India will host till 2031. This includes the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2025, ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2026, ICC Champions Trophy 2029 and ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2031. As per the host agreement, the commercial rights will rest with the ICC and the BCCI is required to form a Local Organizing Committee (LOC). He apprised the members regarding the key salient features.

Mr. Amin further apprised the members that ICC will be paying a fixed hosting fees per match to BCCI but as Sri Lanka will be staging some matches for BCCI, some amount is required to be paid to Sri Lanka Cricket as well. Mr. Shukla requested clarification regarding the hosting fees being paid to other cricket boards. Mr. Amin apprised the members that the hosting fees remains the same across the different boards. However, the expenditure and costs vary with each hosting member.

Mr. Shukla requested the members to authorize Mr. Saikia to peruse the agreement and accordingly approve and execute the host agreement.

After due deliberation, the members unanimously agreed to authorise Mr. Saikia to approve the host agreement for the four ICC events India will host till 2031 i.e. ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2025, ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2026, ICC Champions Trophy 2029 and ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2031.

6. **ITEM 3: APPROVAL OF BUDGET FOR THE FY 2025-2026 AND FINALISATION OF AUDITED ACCOUNTS FOR THE FY 2024-25.**

Mr. Shukla took up the next item on the agenda which was regarding the approval of budget for the FY 2025-2026 and finalisation of audited accounts for the FY 2024-25. The papers relating to the agenda point were already circulated to the members of the Apex Council.

Mr. Prabhtej Singh Bhatia presented the draft budget for the financial year 2025–2026 along with the audited accounts for the financial year 2024–2025. He informed the Council that the total projected income for FY 2025–2026 was INR 8,963 crore, representing a decline compared to the previous year primarily due to a reduced share from ICC events. He further stated that the estimated interest income for the year stood at INR 1,500 crore, reflecting a significant increase from the previous figure of INR 1,368 crore, owing to strong treasury management and the overall healthy financial position of the Board.

Mr. Bhatia explained that the BCCI's general fund had increased substantially from INR 7,988 crore to INR 11,346 crore, marking a growth (surplus for the year 2024-2025) of INR 3,358 crore during the year. He also highlighted that the budget included a projected surplus of INR 6,728 crore and an allocation of INR 500 crore for infrastructure subsidies, considering the ongoing development of cricketing infrastructure across the country. He added that adequate provisions had been made towards income tax obligations amounting to INR 3,320 crore, contingencies of INR 1,000 crore, and pending litigation of approximately INR 160 crore.

The Chairperson informed the Council that, notwithstanding the withdrawal of sponsors such as Dream11 and other entities affected by recent legislative changes, BCCI had successfully secured a new jersey sponsorship at a higher valuation for another two-and-a-half-year cycle.

Mr. Khairul Jamal Majumdar appreciated the Treasurer's presentation and noted the sound financial position of the Board.

After some deliberations, the members unanimously approved the budget for the FY 2025-26 and finalisation of audited accounts for the FY 2024-25.

7. ITEM 4: UPDATE ON THE MATTER RELATING TO APPLICATION OF MEMBERSHIP BY ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS.

Mr. Shukla took up the next item on the agenda which was regarding the update on the matter relating to application of membership by Andaman and Nicobar Islands. The papers relating to the agenda point were already circulated to the members of the Apex Council.

Mr. Biswa Patnaik, General Counsel, BCCI apprised the members that currently Andaman and Nicobar Islands are not represented in BCCI. Two organizations have approached the Bombay High Court regarding grant of membership. The Bombay High Court has granted BCCI four weeks' time to consider the representation made by the petitioners. The members are therefore requested to decide regarding the grant of membership.

Mr. Shukla inquired whether any cricketing activities are being undertaken in the islands. Mr. Patnaik apprised the members that as per the petitioners there are some activities and that they have made representations before BCCI since many years. However, only now representations regarding membership have been made.

Mr. Shukla and Mr. Saikia suggested that a committee be formed comprising Mr. Prabhtej Singh Bhatia and Mr. Khairul Jamal Majumdar to hear the representation made by both the organizations. Thereafter, the committee may submit its report regarding the next steps.

After some deliberations, the members approved the formation of a committee comprising Mr. Prabhtej Bhatia and Mr. Khairul Jamal Majumdar.

8. **ITEM 5: UPDATE ON COE AND NORTH EAST INDOOR PROJECTS.**

Mr. Shukla took up the next item on the agenda which was regarding the update on the COE and North-East Indoor projects. The papers relating to the agenda point were already circulated to the members of the Apex Council.

Mr. Majumdar apprised the members that due to heavy rains in the north-east this year, the project has been delayed. The project in Arunachal Pradesh will be completed by 30 September 2025. Projects in Nagaland, Meghalaya, Sikkim and Mizoram will be completed by end of November 2025. Due to weather as well as curfew, the project in Manipur has got significantly delayed. Therefore, the project in Manipur may go till end of February 2026. However, now Grant Thornton has provided these dates, and the projects should be completed within these timelines. Accordingly, Project Management Consultants services shall also be extended.

He also requested for the approval of setting up of substation & electricity connection cost at the North East Project amounting to INR 6.48 crores plus GST, to be reimbursed based on actual basis.

Mr. Saikia apprised the members that the projects in Arunachal Pradesh, Sikkim and Nagaland are near completion and should be ready for inauguration.

Mr. Majumdar apprised the members that with respect to Center of Excellence, the major issue is with respect to electricity. The COE requires laying down of electrical lines from the station. All other functions of the COE are complete and in function.

In addition to the above, Mr. Majumdar requested the Apex Council to approve the costs of approximately INR 5 crores plus GST towards electricity supply which includes laying down of cables and labour, an additional cost towards diesel and DG operation cost till regular electricity supply starts at the COE. Also he requested for the extension of the COE project completion timeline till 15th October 2025 as the project got delayed due to rains. Accordingly, services of Project Management Consultants and Proof Consultants services shall also be extended.

After due deliberation, the members noted the updates and approved the extensions and costs with respect to the Center of Excellence and North-East projects.

9. **ITEM 6: UPDATE ON BCCI CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PLAYERS AND TEAM OFFICIALS.**

Mr. Shukla took up the next item on the agenda which was regarding the update on the BCCI Code of Conduct for Players ad Team Officials. The papers relating to the agenda point were already circulated to the members of the Apex Council.

Mr. Abey Kuruvilla apprised the members that certain clarifications were requested regarding the BCCI Code of Conduct for Players and Team Officials. With respect to the demerit point system, it is advised that the demerit points be applicable across tournaments instead of having separate demerit point counts for senior cricket tournaments and junior cricket tournaments, a single demerit point system be applicable across the tournaments.

Further, the same principle should apply across formats, i.e., demerit points accumulated in one format should extend to the other formats as well. Finally, a new rule has been introduced regarding replacement for injury. It is suggested that in case of serious injury, the player must compulsorily be rested for at least one week and reports may be sent to the COE.

After some deliberations, the members approved the suggestions and updates to the BCCI Code of Conduct for Players and Team Officials

10. ITEM 7: TO CONSIDER ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIRPERSON MAY CONSIDER NECESSARY TO BE INCLUDED IN THE AGENDA.

With the permission of the Chair, Mr. Saikia apprised that all infrastructure and subsidy claims have been checked and the members are requested to give permission to release funds within a few days.

The members unanimously approved the release of funds at the earliest.

11. 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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