

**MINUTES OF THE 1<sup>st</sup> APEX COUNCIL MEETING OF BOARD OF CONTROL FOR CRICKET IN INDIA (BCCI) HELD ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2019 AT 4.00 PM AT BCCI HEADQUARTERS, CRICKET CENTRE, WANKHEDE STADIUM, D-ROAD, CHURCHGATE, MUMBAI**

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**Present:**

1. Mr. Sourav Ganguly – Honorary President, Chairman
2. Mr. Jay Shah – Honorary Secretary
3. Mr. Arun Singh Dhumal- Honorary Treasurer
4. Mr. Mahim Verma- Honorary Vice President
5. Mr. Jayesh George- Honorary Joint Secretary
6. Mr. Prabhtej Singh Bhatia- Councillor.
7. Mr. Aunshuman Gaekwad- ICA Representative (Male)
8. Ms. Shantha Rangaswamy- ICA Representative (Female)
9. Mr. Rahul Johri- CEO, BCCI.

**1. CHAIRMAN**

Mr. Sourav Ganguly, Honorary President, BCCI (the “**Chairman**”) took the chair and presided over the meeting. He congratulated and greeted all the members present in the Apex Council and welcomed them to first ever Apex Council Meeting of the BCCI.

**2. QUORUM**

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

Thereafter, Mr. Jay Shah, Honorary Secretary, BCCI, also welcomed all the members.

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

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### **3. AUTHORISATION TO SIGN DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH LEGAL PROCEEDINGS AND CONTRACTS.**

The Chairman took up the first Item on the Agenda (Item No.1 (a)) regarding authorisation to sign documents in connection with legal proceedings and contracts.

The Chairman explained the requirement of authorising the Hon Secretary to sign documents in connection with legal proceedings and contracts. The CEO explained that there is a requirement to further delegate signing of day to day documents like Vakalatnama, Affidavits etc. After some deliberation it was unanimously decided that:

1. The Hon. Secretary shall be authorised by the Apex Council to sign all legal documents and contracts for the BCCI; and
2. The Hon. Secretary shall have the power to delegate any of his powers to any other officer of the BCCI.

A resolution was also passed to this effect.

### **4. HANDOVER OF OPERATIONS TO RAJASTHAN CRICKET ASSOCIATION**

The Chairman took up the next Item on the Agenda (Item No.1 (b)) regarding handover of operations of Rajasthan Cricket Association ("**RCA**").

The CEO, BCCI explained to the Apex Council the situation regarding RCA. He explained that currently all the cricketing operations are being run by BCCI under the name of Team Rajasthan. He further explained that the suspension imposed on RCA has already been revoked vide an order dated September 6, 2019 by the erstwhile Supreme Court Appointed Committee of Administrators.

After some deliberation, it was unanimously decided to disband Team Rajasthan and handover the operations to RCA and a letter to that effect be sent to RCA forthwith.

Mr. Nikhil Khanna, Mr. Vijay Tiwari and Mr. Biswa Patnaik joined the meeting.

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## **5. PROCESS OF APPROVAL OF ALL BCCI PAYMENTS**

The Chairman took up the next Item on the Agenda (Item No.1 (c)) regarding process of approval of all BCCI payments.

Mr. Nikhil Khanna, AGM-Finance & Accounts, apprised the Apex Council of the process for approval of all BCCI payments. He explained that there are two kinds of payments to be made, which are (i) payment to be made to vendors and service providers to BCCI on account of invoice raised; and (ii) regular monthly payments like salaries, statutory pay-outs.

After some deliberation. The process for payment proposed was approved unanimously and resolution was passed to that effect.

## **6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN MAY CONSIDER NECESSARY INCLUDED IN THE AGENDA**

- a) **Reserve Day for Semi- Finals and Finals of Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy- 2019:** The Chairman informed the members about the requirement of a reserve day for the semi final and final of Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy which is currently underway and that it has been decided to have a reserve day for the semis and finals of the said tournament. The Apex Council unanimously agreed to the suggestion and ratified the decision taken by the Chairperson to have a reserved day for the semi- final and final of the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy- 2019.
- b) **Resignation of the CFO and two other members of the Finance team:** The Chairman informed the Apex Council about the resignation of the CFO, BCCI, Mr, Santosh Rangnekar and two other members of the Finance team, Mr. Rochit Mehrotra and Mr. Anand Uttamani. The Chairperson informed that their resignation has been accepted and they will be relieved of their duties in accordance with the terms and conditions of their contract. The Apex Council took note of the same.

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- c) **Ratification of the Pink Ball Test:** The Chairman informed the Apex Council of the first ever pink test held in India at Kolkata against Bangladesh. Ms. Rangaswamy took the opportunity to congratulate CAB and BCCI for the successful completion of the first ever pink ball test in India and requested that other pink ball tests should also be arranged in the country. The Apex Council ratified the pink ball test held on November 22, 2019 at Kolkata.
- d) **Telecast of Under-16 and Under-19 tournament finals:** The Chairman informed the Apex Council that he has received several requests for the telecast of Under-16 boys final match on television. The Chairman mentioned that telecast of under 16 and under 19 final will be a big boost to emerging players. The CEO, BCCI mentioned that he will find out the details with the official broadcast partner, Star and apprise the Apex Council.
- e) **Matches to be held in Dhaka and Ahmedabad between Asia XI v. Rest of the World XI in view of the centenary of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and inauguration of the new Stadium at Motera, Ahmedabad:** The Chairman informed the Apex Council about the proposal he has received from the Bangladesh Cricket Board about releasing 4 to 5 players to be part of the Asia XI for two T20s against Rest of the World XI to be played at Dhaka on March 20 and 21, 2020. The Apex Council took note of the same and unanimously agreed to the suggestion of sending Indian cricketers for the event. After some deliberation it was decided that the decision on which players to be sent shall vest with the Officer Bearers of the BCCI who in consultation with the captain, coach and selectors shall decide the players.

The Chairman also informed the Apex Council about the new stadium coming up in Ahmedabad, which will be one of the biggest cricket stadiums in the world. It was suggested that the same teams which play in Dhaka also play a T20 in Ahmedabad to inaugurate the new stadium. The Apex Council agreed to the suggestion and empowered the Office Bearers of the BCCI to take steps for organising the match on March 23, 2019 at Ahmedabad.

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- f) **Letter from KIADB:** The Chairman informed the Apex Council about a letter received from Karnataka Industrial Area Development Board (KIADB) wherein they have stated that a parcel of land was leased to the BCCI and pursuant to the terms of the lease deed, BCCI had to commence work on the land parcel within specified time period for the creation of the new National Cricket Academy, which hasn't happen and they have asked for an explanation for the delay. The Chairman apprised the Apex Council that the erstwhile COA had not taken any action on this and had decided that this matter be taken up upon the appointment of the new Office Bearers. The Chairman mentioned that this is a crucial land parcel and an reply explaining the reasons for delay and requesting for extension of time be immediately sent to KIADB from the office of the Honorary Secretary and directed the CEO, BCCI to commence work on the budget and plans of the new NCA and apprise the Apex Council in the next Apex Council meeting. The Apex Council agreed with the suggestion of the Chairman.
- g) **NCA-Strength and Conditioning coach:** The Chairman apprised the Apex Council about the concern relating to Strength and Conditioning Coach being taken on board at the NCA and that is perception that any gym trainer is being selected as the strength and conditioning coach. The Chairman explained that owing to the lack of proper system/institution which certifies strength and conditioning coaches, it is difficult to get the correct personnel. The Chairman suggested that BCCI will look to tie up with institutes and formulate a process so that qualified and deserving candidates are chosen. The Apex Council agreed with the suggestion of the Chairman and approved the formulation of the process suggested by the Chairman.
- h) **Extension for registration of outstation players:** The Chairman informed the Apex Council that he has received requests from some newly affiliated state associations that there should be extension for registration of outstation players as they have missed out on the deadline of September 1, 2019. The Apex Council considered the request and after some deliberation decided to raise this issue with general body of the BCCI.

Mr. Saba Karim, Mr. Siddhesh Surve and Mr. Gaurav Saxena joined the meeting.

- i) **Issues with the BCCI Website:** Honorary Secretary informed the Apex Council about receiving several complaints regarding glitches on the BCCI website. Mr. Siddhesh Surve from the Media and Digital team apprised the Apex Council about the issues faced. He mentioned that BCCI has shifted to a new website and these are teething issues and efforts are on to resolve the problems at the earliest. He further explained that owing to the domestic vendor capability in handling the new API structure, certain issues have surfaced. The Apex Council was also informed about the service providers and an extension was sought till June 30, 2020 for the BCCI and IPL digital properties. The Apex Council deliberated on the issue and approved the extension with the existing service providers till the end of this season, i.e. June 30, 2020. The Apex Council also approved the release of Request for Proposal document to appoint the new service provider. The Chairman also suggested for certain new services like showing clips of domestic matches, standings, statistics to be provided on the BCCI website and the digital and media team took note of the same and mentioned that they will apprise the Office Bearers about the new services in due course.
- j) **Archive Management:** The CEO, BCCI informed the Apex Council about the existing archive management system at BCCI. He informed that the current contract with the existing service provider is expiring on December 31, 2019 and he sought an extension of the contract till the end of the IPL, 2020. The Apex Council deliberated on the issue and approved the extension till June 30, 2020.
- k) **Women National Team Performance Analyst:** Mr. Saba Karim, GM, Cricket Operations apprised the Apex Council members about the process of selection of the Women's National Team Performance Analyst. He informed the Apex Council that three candidates have been shortlisted (2 male and 1 female). Ms. Rangaswamy mentioned that BCCI should look to encourage more women

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to take assignments with the women's team. The Chairman enquired whether the person appointed with only work with the national woman's team or other teams as well when the National team is not playing. Mr. Karim informed that person selected with provide their services to other woman teams as well and the role will not be restricted to only the national woman's team. After some deliberation it was decided that an offer be made to the person ranked first after the interview process and the Apex Council be apprised of the development based on the person's rejection or acceptance.

- l) Women National Team Coaching & Support staff:** Mr. Karim apprised the Apex Council about the coaching and support staff of the National Woman's team and suggested that the coaches and support staff available at NCA should be used as a feeder system for the woman's team as the requirement is need based. Ms. Rangaswamy enquired about the continuity of the coaches and Mr. Karim explained there will be continuity. After some deliberation, the Apex Council approved that that the NCA coaches and support staff will serve the woman's team.

Mr. Saba Karim also informed the Apex Council about the Women National Team Physiotherapist, Ms Tracy Fernandes whose contract has been renewed till 30th Sept 2021 based on the feedback received from the team management and NCA. However, there have been certain complaints received from Goa Cricket Association during her term in Goa Cricket Association. The Apex Council after some deliberation requested the Office Bearers of the BCCI to to review the complaint of Goa Cricket Association and get back with their feedback.

- m) BCCI Observers Committee for the 9 new states:** Mr. Karim informed that the Apex Council that three teams were appointed till the end of the season to to facilitate, help and support the 9 new state cricket associations in relation to cricket operations, administration and finance. He enquired whether these committees are required to continue or whether they can be disbanded. The Apex Council after some deliberation decided to disband the committees.

- n) Advisory to the State Cricket Association's to conduct U16 Girls tournament:** Mr. Karim informed the Apex Council that considering the upcoming Under19 T20 WC in Jan 2021 at Bangladesh, it might be prudent to send an advisory/ mandate to state associations to have Under 16 tournaments in their zones. Ms. Rangaswamy pointed out that it will be a good idea to have an inter-zonal tournament as a second step. Mr. Karim also informed that BCCI, owing to the packed calendar cannot organise these matches and hence it should be the state cricket associations who shall be asked to organise these tournaments. Honorary Secretary suggested that this should be discussed with the state cricket associations. After some deliberation, it was decided that the issue should be discussed with the state associations in the AGM of the BCCI.
- o) Increase of DA for Men/Women Team India, Sr & Jr Selection Committee and the national players for all categories (Men/Women):** Mr. Karim informed the Apex Council of the revised Dearness Allowance (DA) for all national teams. The Apex Council approved the revised DA proposed by Mr. Karim.
- p) Physically Challenged Team:** Mr. Saba Karim informed the Apex Council about the prize money granted to AICAPC (All India Cricket Association for the Physically Challenged) for winning the World Cup. There have been questions raised about the recognition of physically challenged teams by BCCI. After some deliberation the Apex Council decided that this issue should be parked and addressed once the Differently- Abled Cricket Committee is formed under the BCCI Constitution.
- q) Complaint Under Rule 41(1)(b) of the BCCI Constitution:** The CEO apprised the Apex Council about a complaint received under Rule 41(1) (b) of the BCCI Constitution. The Apex Council rejected the complaint on the grounds that it was frivolous.
- r) Emerging and Elite panel of Curators:** Mr. Karim apprised the Apex Council about the two panel of curators created to supervise preparation of wickets for International and Domestic matches. Mr. Karim informed the Apex Council that the

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Elite and Emerging umpires are paid sum of Rs. 1 lakh and Rs. 75,000, respectively. Mr. Karim also proposed a DA for 15 neutral curators. The Apex Council approved the amounts paid to curators and approved a sum of Rs. 10,000 per day DA paid to the neutral curators.

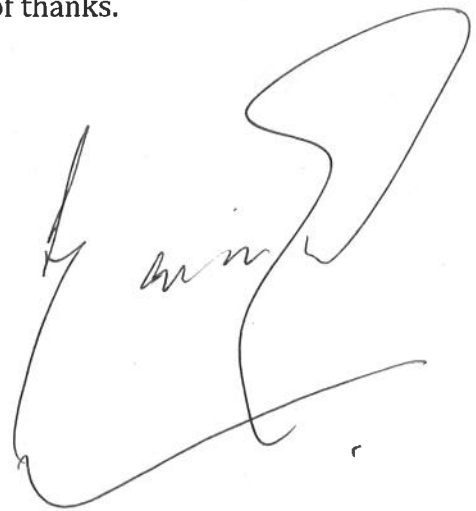
- s) **SRM University for Biomechanics Testing:** Mr. Karim apprised the Apex Council about SRM University and that it is the only institute which provides ICC approved biomechanics testing in India for suspect bowling actions. The Institute also provides for player rehabilitation after injury. Mr. Karim informed the Apex Council about the arrangement which BCCI had with SRM University and sought permission for renewal of the arrangement. The Apex Council deliberated and requested Mr. Karim to have a meeting with SRM University to discuss and negotiate better terms and conditions.
- t) **Permission for doing commentary for current players:** Mr. Karim informed that he has received requests from certain current players for doing commentary. The Apex Council after some deliberation decided that it is for individuals' players to decide if they want to do commentary and it does not concern BCCI.
- u) **Hosting of Pakistan Women's Team for the ICC Championship ODI Matches:** Mr. Karim informed the Apex Council about the ICC Championship ODI Matches which as per schedule, BCCI is scheduled to host the Pakistan women's team between the window assigned by ICC. Mr. Karim informed the Apex Council that the window has been extended till March 2020 but BCCI despite repeated requests haven't received approval from the Government of India. The Apex Council after some deliberation requested Mr. Karim to continue his efforts to negotiate with ICC on this issue.
- v) **Squad Size for ICC events:** Mr. Karim informed the Apex Council that ICC has sent directive to all the cricket boards that squad size will consist of 15 players and 8 support staff. A certified Medical Doctor is allowed as an additional staff. Apex Council after some deliberation requested Mr. Karim to write to ICC to increase the number of support staff in the squad size.

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w) **BCCI Annual Awards:** Mr. Karim informed the Apex Council that the BCCI Annual Awards has been tentatively scheduled to be held on January 12, 2020 at Mumbai. Mr. Karim informed that in the event BCCI announces various awards including without limitation, Col. C.K. Nayadu Life Time Achievement Award for Men and Life time achievement award from Women. Mr. Karim enquired on who will be the adjudicator of these awards and also requested for the Apex Council to choose a speaker for the MAK Pataudi lecture. The Apex Council unanimously decided that the adjudicator of the awards will be the Office Bearers of the BCCI. The Chairman said he will speak to retired cricketers about their availability to deliver the MAK Pataudi lecture.

#### 7. VOTE OF THANKS

The Chairman once again congratulated the Apex Council and there being no other business, the meeting terminated with a vote of thanks.



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