

**MINUTES OF THE 5<sup>th</sup> APEX COUNCIL MEETING OF BOARD OF CONTROL FOR CRICKET IN INDIA (BCCI) HELD ON FRIDAY, 17<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2020 AT 5 P.M. VIA VIDEO CONFERENCING**

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**Present:**

1. Mr. Sourav Ganguly – Honorary President, Chairperson
2. Mr. Jay Shah – Honorary Secretary
3. Mr. Arun Singh Dhumal – Honorary Treasurer
4. Mr. Jayesh George – Honorary Joint Secretary
5. Mr. Prabhtej Singh Bhatia – Councillor
6. Ms. Alka Rehani Bhardwaj – CAG Nominee
7. Ms. Shantha Rangaswamy – ICA Representative (Female)
8. Mr. Aunshuman Gaekwad – ICA Representative (Male)

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

**1. CHAIRPERSON**

Mr. Sourav Ganguly, the Honorary President, BCCI (the “Chairperson”) presided over the meeting. He greeted all the members present in the Apex Council and welcomed them to the 5<sup>th</sup> Apex Council Meeting of the BCCI. He explained that owing to the prevailing Covid-19 situation, the meeting was required to be held 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, 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.

**3. ITEM 1: CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 4<sup>th</sup> APEX COUNCIL MEETING.**

The Chairperson took up the first item on the agenda which was confirmation of the minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> Apex Council Meeting held on July 17, 2020.

The Chairperson noted that there were certain comments made by members on the draft minutes circulated and clarified that the comments will be considered before the minutes are finalized. Ms. Bhardwaj and Mr. Gaekwad mentioned that certain points which they had made should be incorporated in the minutes.

After some deliberation, it was decided that a revised minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> Apex Council Meeting be circulated for the members to confirm.

**4. ITEM 2: THE DRAFT AUDITED ACCOUNTS OF THE BCCI FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2018-19 ALONG WITH THE NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS AND TO RECOMMEND THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE ADOPTION / APPROVAL IN THE ANNUAL GENERAL BODY.**

The Hon. Treasurer apprised the members of the Apex Council regarding the audited accounts for the Financial Year 2018-19. He brought certain points to the notice of the members regarding the audited accounts for FY 2018-19 which must be considered before looking at the accounts. This was noted by the Apex Council. Post that, the accounts were presented to all the members. Mr. Nikhil Khanna (AGM- Finance and Accounts) took the members through a presentation regarding the accounts and answered all questions which the members had. Ms. Bhardwaj enquired about the auditor's report. Hon. Treasurer mentioned that the auditor's report will be shared with the Apex Council members. He also mentioned that the queries raised by Ms. Bhardwaj via email will also be answered.

After some deliberation, the draft audited accounts for the financial year 2018-19 along with the notes to the accounts were approved by the Apex Council and it recommended the accounts for adoption/ approval by the general body in the Annual General Meeting along with Final Audit Report upon submission from the auditors. Necessary resolution required by the Statutory Auditors may also be submitted.

**5. ITEM 3: DISCUSSION ON DOMESTIC SEASON 2020-2021.**

The Chairperson apprised the members about the plans which BCCI had regarding commencement of the domestic season 2020-2021. He mentioned that tentatively,

BCCI is looking at starting the domestic season from January 1, 2021, subject to COVID -19 situation prevailing then. The Chairperson mentioned that due to the paucity of time, the domestic season will be truncated and while all efforts will be made to conduct as many matches as possible, the Ranji Trophy and the women's one day tournament will be given priority. Ms. Rangaswamy enquired about the women's matches and mentioned that it is important for BCCI to look at conducting some age group matches as losing a year will mean that some players may not get an opportunity to play, even at cost of extending the season. The Chairperson agreed with the points raised by Ms. Rangaswamy and mentioned BCCI is a planning to have limited overs women's tournament as well and efforts will be made to play as many matches as possible. He also mentioned that age group tournaments can be played in the months of March-April 2021. He however emphasized that safety of players will be paramount. Mr. Gaekwad mentioned that the safety protocols and back up plans should be in place before domestic season is started. The Chairperson mentioned that protocols are in place for the ongoing IPL and he requested Mr. Hemang Amin to explain the processes and safety protocols. Mr. Amin apprised the members on the safety protocols and on how contact tracing is done. He mentioned that similar measures may have to be taken for domestic season as well.

The Chairperson mentioned that an outline of the domestic season has been prepared and BCCI is also mindful of the upcoming England series. He also mentioned that the plans of the domestic season will be shared with the member associations in the Annual General Meeting of the BCCI. The members noted this.

#### **6. ITEM 4: DISCUSSION ON BILATERAL SERIES AGAINST AUSTRALIA AND ENGLAND.**

The Chairperson apprised the members regarding the Australia series. He mentioned that BCCI officials have been in talks with their Australian counterpart regarding the safety and quarantine protocols. He mentioned that the tour will happen and will commence from November 27, 2020. The players will travel to Australia from Dubai directly and will have a 14-day quarantine period in Australia. The team will play 3 ODI's, 3 T20's and 4 test matches.

He also mentioned the England and Wales Cricket Board has also shown its willingness to tour India and the tour is tentatively scheduled in February, although the venues have not been decided yet. He mentioned once again that safety of players will be of utmost

importance. He also mentioned that the series may be played in limited number of venues to reduce the risk and lessen the travel exposure of players, as has been done by ECB and Cricket Australia for their home series. The members noted this.

**7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIRPERSON MAY CONSIDER NECESSARY INCLUDED IN THE AGENDA**

**a) Information to Apex Council Members**

Mr. Gaekwad requested that key decisions taken by the BCCI Office Bearer, which are outside the purview of the Apex Council, be informed to the Apex Council members as well so that they are well versed with the developments and they do not receive information from media sources. Hon. Treasurer pointed out that there are times when media reports might suggest a decision has been taken but, that is not the case. Therefore, one must be wary of such news when they are mostly work in progress and the final decision has not been taken.

After some deliberation, it was decided that key decisions will be informed to Apex Council members.

**b) Update on matters discussed in previous Apex Council Meetings:**

**1. Status of appointments of new employees at BCCI:**

Ms. Bhardwaj enquired about the status of appointment of employees of BCCI which was discussed in the previous meeting. The Chairperson mentioned that the process is on. He also mentioned BCCI officials and office bearers have been busy with the IPL in UAE and appointment of such key posts should be done after due deliberation and in person meeting. The members agreed.

**2. Tax Solution for ICC Men's Cricket T20 World Cup in 2021**

Ms. Bhardwaj enquired on the status of tax solution. The Chairperson mentioned that efforts are being made to get the requisite tax solution within the deadline.

**3. NCA Bengaluru**

Ms. Bhardwaj enquired about the status of the NCA tender process. The Chairperson mentioned that requisite extension has been sought from KIADB owing to COVID-19 and the tender related documents will be released in due course.

**c) Action taken report:**

Ms. Bhardwaj also suggested that an action taken report be created so that the members have a ready reference for the issues and their status which was discussed in previous meetings. The Chairperson agreed with the suggestion and it was decided to create such a report.

**d) Issues relating to Bihar Cricket Association (BCA):**

The Chairperson briefed the house regarding the infighting in BCA and the issue of whether the constitution of BCA is registered or not. He requested that the Apex Council members to give the office bearers of BCCI the authority to examine the matters of BCA and appoint an observer so that cricket in Bihar does not suffer. The Apex Council members unanimously agreed with the suggestions of the Chairperson and authorized the office bearers of BCCI to investigate BCA matter and appoint an observer. Hon. Treasurer also suggested that domestic matches subsidy and amount due to association payments must be kept on hold till the impending issues are sorted. The Apex Council agreed with the suggestion of the Hon. Treasurer.

**8. VOTE OF THANKS**

The Chairperson thanked the Apex Council members and there being no other business, the meeting was terminated.

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'J. M. Singh', written in a cursive style.