

MINUTES OF THE 11th APEX COUNCIL MEETING OF BOARD OF CONTROL FOR CRICKET IN INDIA (BCCI) HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 2ND MARCH 2022 AT 6 P.M. IST VIA VIDEO CONFERENCING

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. Rajeev Shukla Honorary Vice President
6. Mr. Prabhtej Singh Bhatia Councillor
7. Mr. C. M. Sane CAG Nominee
8. Ms. Shantha Rangaswamy ICA Representative (Female)
9. 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 11th 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, 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 10TH APEX COUNCIL MEETING

The Chairperson took up the first item on the agenda which was confirmation of the minutes of the 10th Apex Council Meeting held on December 3, 2021, at Kolkata. Mr. Sane had few points regarding the minutes and suggested certain changes to the minutes. It was decided that the updated minutes with Mr. Sane’s suggestions be circulated in the next Apex Council meeting.

4. ITEM 2: RATIFICATION OF PREVENTION OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT POLICY.

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The Chairperson then took up the first item on the agenda which was ratification of prevention of sexual harassment policy. The papers relating to the agenda point had already been circulated to the members of the Apex Council.

The Policy was discussed in detail by the members. It was pointed out that the policy is of very sensitive nature and in its current form is lacking in certain aspects and therefore needs to be relooked and modified.

After some deliberation, it was decided to refer the policy to a legal expert to plug any loopholes which may be there in the current policy.

5. ITEM NO. 3: RATIFICATION OF CENTRAL CONTRACTS GIVEN TO MEN'S CRICKETERS

The Chairperson took up the next item on the agenda which was ratification of central contracts given to cricketers for senior men's category. The papers relating to the agenda point had been already circulated to the members of the Apex Council.

The Chairperson briefed the members that a total of 27 athletes had been given annual retainership contracts for the Season 2021-2022 with the contracts being divided into 4 (four) categories.

The members of the Apex Council took note of the same and ratified the central contracts given to senior men cricketers.

6. ITEM NO. 4: RATIFICATION OF CENTRAL CONTRACTS GIVEN TO WOMEN'S CRICKETERS

The Chairperson took up the next item on the agenda which was ratification of central contracts given to cricketers for senior women's category. The papers relating to the agenda point had been already circulated to the members of the Apex Council.

The Chairperson briefed the members that a total of 20 athletes had been given annual retainership contracts for the Season 2021-2022 with the contracts being divided into 3 (three) categories.

The members of the Apex Council took note of the same and ratified the central contracts given to women's cricketers.

7. ITEM NO. 5: RATIFICATION OF ALLOTMENT OF MATCHES TO AHMEDABAD, KOLKATA, LUCKNOW, DHARAMSALA, MOHALI AND BENGALURU FOR WEST INDIES AND SRI LANKA TOURS OF INDIA

The Chairperson took up the next item on the agenda which was ratification of allotment of matches to various cities for the concluded West Indies and Sri Lanka Tours of India. The papers relating to the agenda point had been already circulated to the members of the Apex Council.

The Chairperson briefed the members that for the West Indies and Sri Lanka tours of India, matches were allotted to Ahmedabad, Kolkata, Lucknow, Dharmasala, Mohali and Bengaluru as per the BCCI's rotation policy and as per the recommendation of the Tour, Fixtures and Technical Committee.

The members of the Apex Council took note of the same and ratified the allotments.

8. ITEM NO. 6: ALLOTMENT OF MATCHES FOR SOUTH AFRICA TOUR OF INDIA

The Chairperson took up the next item on the agenda which was allotment of matches to various cities for the upcoming South Africa Tour of India. The papers relating to the agenda point had been already circulated to the members of the Apex Council.

The Chairperson briefed the members that for the South Africa Tour of India, while the turn to host the matches are with certain cities as per BCCI's rotation policy, there are some cities which missed out on allotment to due prevalence of Covid-19.

It was decided that the issue be referred to the Tour, Fixtures and Technical Committee.

9. ITEM NO. 7: UPDATE ON BYJUS'S CONTRACT

The Chairperson took up the next item on the agenda which was updating the members on the Byju's contract.

Mr. Hemang Amin, Interim CEO, apprised the members that the contract with Byju's for sponsorship of senior men's team was coming to an end on March 31, 2022. He explained that owing to Covid 19 lot of matches have got cancelled and it might be prudent to extend the contract till the end of the ICC Men's World Cup (50 Over) which is scheduled in 2023, with an 10% per increase in fees from what it is currently paying to BCCI.

After some deliberation, the Apex Council approved the extension of Byju's contract till the end of the ICC Men's World Cup (50 over).

10. ITEM NO. 8: HOSTING FEE INCREASE FOR STATE ASSOCIATIONS

The Chairperson took up the next item on the agenda which was increasing the host fee for state associations. The papers relating to the agenda point had been already circulated to the members of the Apex Council.

Hon. Secretary mentioned that the COVID-19 protocols involving bio-secure bubbles meant a lot of dedicated staff and other related processes and expenses that were taken care by the hosting associations. The hosting associations have requested that the BCCI revise the fee for the on-going season 2021-22.

The agenda paper containing the proposed increase on fees was already circulated to all members. Honorary Secretary recommended that the hosting fee for Ranji Trophy be increased to Rs. 1,75,000 instead of Rs. 1,50,000 which was stated in the agenda paper.

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The Apex Council discussed the recommendations and approved the increments for the tournaments as per the agenda paper circulated with the only exception being increase in hosting fee for Ranji Trophy matches to Rs. 1,75,000/- from the proposed Rs. 1,50,000/-.

11. ITEM NO. 9: APPOINTMENT OF GM- GAME DEVELOPMENT

The Chairperson took up the next item on the agenda which was the appointment of General Manager – Game Development.

The Chairperson apprised that Mr. Abey Kuruvilla has been appointed as the GM- Game Development. Mr. Kuruvilla has played Test cricket for India and has been a selector for the Senior Men's Team Selector. He brings years of experience with him and has deep knowledge of domestic cricket in India.

The Apex Council approved the appointment of Mr. Abey Kuruvilla as General Manager – Game Development.

12. ITEM NO. 9: ORGANIZING COL C K NAYUDU TROPHY, SENIOR WOMEN'S T20 LEAGUE AND KNOCKOUTS OF COOCH BEHAR TROPHY.

The Chairperson took up the next item on the agenda which was the organization of Col CK Nayudu Trophy, Senior Women's T20 League and the knockouts of Cooch Behar Trophy. The papers relating to the agenda point had been already circulated to the members of the Apex Council.

The Chairperson mentioned that the rising cases of COVID-19 had led to an indefinite postponement of domestic tournaments. However, considering the decrease in COVID-19 cases and successful completion of 2 (two) rounds of Ranji Trophy, the BCCI is desirous of organizing the Col CK Nayudu Trophy, Senior Women's T20 League, and the knockouts of Cooch Behar Trophy with requisite Covid 19 protocols.

After some deliberation, the Apex Council approved the organization of the Col CK Nayudu Trophy, Senior Women's T20 League, and the knockouts of Cooch Behar Trophy.

13. ITEM NO. 10: RATIFICATION OF ORDER PASSED IN CASE OF REPRESENTATION OF PURVANCHAL CRICKET ASSOCIATION

The Chairperson took up the next item on the agenda which was the ratification of order passed in case of representation of Purvanchal Cricket Association ("PCA") for associate membership of BCCI. The papers relating to the agenda point had already been circulated to the members of the Apex Council.

The Chairperson apprised the members of the representation made by PCA for the Associate Membership of BCCI. The BCCI had formed a working group comprising Mr. Arun Dhumal, BCCI Treasurer and Mr. Jayesh George, BCCI Joint Secretary to decide on the representation of PCA. The working group passed a detailed and reasoned order dated January 10, 2022, deciding against granting membership to PCA after hearing the representatives of PCA and also of Uttar Pradesh Cricket Association.

After some deliberation, the Apex Council ratified the order passed in relation to the affiliation of PCA.

14. ITEM NO. 11: RATIFICATION OF PRIZE MONEY GIVEN TO THE VICTORIOUS U-19 TEAM

The Chairperson took up the next item on the agenda which was the ratification of prize money given to the victorious U-19 team.

The Chairperson apprised the members that BCCI had awarded prize money to the men's U-19 contingent which had won the ICC U-19 Cricket World Cup held in West Indies with the final held on February 5, 2022, wherein the men's U-19 team beat England U-19 team.

The Apex Council congratulated the entire team and support staff and ratified the prize money given to the U-19 team and support staff.

15. ITEM NO. 12: LOC FOR 2023 WORLD CUP

The Chairperson took up the next item on the agenda which was the formation of the Local Organizing Committee (LOC) for 2023 Men's Cricket World Cup.

The Chairperson briefed the members about the requirement of formation of the LOC for the 2023 World Cup and recommended authorizing the Office Bearers to form the LOC.

After some deliberation, the Apex Council authorized the Office Bearers of BCCI to form the LOC for the 2023 World Cup.

16. ITEM NO. 13: APPOINTMENT OF HEAD OF SPORTS SCIENCE- NCA

The Chairperson took up the next item on the agenda which was the appointment of Head of Sports Science – National Cricket Academy.

The Chairperson mentioned that Mr. Nitin Patel has been chosen as the Head of Sports Science – NCA. Mr. Patel brings with him years of experience having worked over the years with Team India and in IPL franchises.

The Apex Council approved the appointment of Mr. Nitin Patel as the Head of Sports Science – NCA.


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

- 1. Issue pertaining to Hyderabad Cricket Association (HCA):** The Chairperson mentioned that he has received number of emails from HCA about payments, vendor appointments and other things from various factions in HCA. He also mentioned that an email has been received from the CAG member from HCA. The members discussed the issue in HCA at length about the way the issue can be resolved. The members decided that an email be sent to HCA seeking explanation regarding the issues.
- 2. Ms. Rangaswamy raised few points which she had earlier emailed to the Office Bearers of BCCI regarding the U-19 girls' tournament and eligibility criteria for reimbursement of hospitalization expenses for female cricketers.** She requested that the policy need to be relooked as it excludes lot of female cricketers. The Chairperson mentioned that the office bearers of BCCI will look into the issues raised by her.

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18. VOTE OF THANKS

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

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