

MINUTES OF THE 12th APEX COUNCIL MEETING OF BOARD OF CONTROL FOR CRICKET IN INDIA (BCCI) HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 23RD APRIL 2022 AT 4.00 P.M.

Present:

1. Mr. Sourav Ganguly Honorary President, Chairperson
2. Mr. Jay Shah Honorary Secretary
3. Mr. Rajeev Shukla Honorary Vice President
4. Mr. Arun Singh Dhumal Honorary Treasurer
5. Mr. Jayesh George Honorary Joint Secretary
6. Mr. Prabhtej Singh Bhatia Councillor
7. Ms. Shantha Rangaswamy ICA Representative (Female)

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 12th 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. LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The Chairperson informed the members that Mr. Aunshuman Gaekwad and Mr. C. M Sane are not present for the meeting and have requested for a leave of absence. A leave of absence was granted to them.

4. ITEM 1: CONFIRMATION OF 10TH APEX COUNCIL MEETING AND 11TH 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, as updated after taking into consideration points raised by Mr. Sane in the previous apex council meeting, and 11th Apex Council Meeting held on March 2, 2022 via video-conferencing.

After some deliberation, minutes of the 10th Apex Council Meeting of BCCI held on December 3, 2021 at Kolkata, and 11th Apex Council Meeting held on March 2, 2022 were approved.

5. ITEM 2: 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 were circulated to the members of the Apex Council after receiving the same from the Tours, Fixtures and Technical Committee.

The Chairperson briefed the members that the Tours, Fixtures and Technical Committee has recommended to allot the matches for the South Africa Tour of India to Delhi, Cuttack, Vishakhapatnam, Rajkot and Bengaluru.

After some deliberation on the recommendation, the Apex Council approved the recommendation of the Tours, Fixtures and Technical Committee regarding allotment of matches for South Africa Tour of India.

6. ITEM NO. 3: UPDATE ON ICC MEN'S T20 WORLD CUP, 2021

The Chairperson took up the next item on the agenda which was updating the members on the ICC Men's T20 World Cup, 2021. The papers relating to the agenda point were already circulated to the members of the Apex Council.

The Chairperson apprised the members that the ICC Men's T20 World Cup, 2021 was successfully conducted in the United Arab Emirates in a cost-effective manner. It was also informed to the members that the audited accounts were passed in the recently concluded ICC's Board Meetings in the UAE.

Mr. Shukla took the opportunity to thank the Office Bearers of BCCI and the management committee in the manner it organized the tournament.

Mr. Jay Shah, the Honorary Secretary, BCCI has recommended to distribute 70% of balance Hosting Fee to State Cricket Associations as additional amount due to association. The Apex Council unanimously approved the same.

The Apex Council took note on the developments regarding the ICC Men's T20 World Cup, 2021.

7. ITEM NO. 4: REVIEW OF THE COMMITTEE REPORT ON ISSUE CONCERNING MR. WRIDDHIMAN SAHA

The Chairperson took up the next item on the agenda which was reviewing the committee report on issue concerning Mr. Wriddhiman Saha. Mr. Wriddhiman Saha had shared screenshots of messages sent by a journalist on social media platform, Twitter, wherein he stated that he was unhappy with the conduct of a journalist. Mr. Saha in the hearing named Mr. Boria Majumdar as the journalist.

The Chairperson apprised the members that a committee consisting of Mr. Rajeev Shukla, Vice President, BCCI, Mr. Arun Singh Dhumal, Treasurer, BCCI and Mr. Prabhtej Singh Bhatia, Councillor, BCCI, was formed to give its findings in the matter ("**Committee**"). The draft report of the committee was provided to all members.

The Committee after hearing both the parties had found that the messages sent by Mr. Majumdar to Mr. Saha were in the nature of threat and intimidation and recommended the following sanctions against Mr. Majumdar:

- i. 2 (two) year ban on getting any accreditation as a member of the press in any of the cricket matches (domestic and international) in India;
- ii. 2 (two) year ban on getting any interview with any registered players in India; and
- iii. 2 (two) year ban on access to any of BCCI and members associations owned cricket facilities.

After some deliberation on the findings of the Committee, the Apex Council approved the report of the Committee and imposed the aforementioned actions against Mr. Majumdar.

The Apex Council also noted that there are several articles in media wherein the Office Bearers and other officials of BCCI are unfairly targeted and are accused of various things which are completely baseless and false. Considering such articles, it was decided that going forward, similar action may be taken if baseless and factually incorrect articles are written about the Office Bearers and other officials of BCCI which causes damage to their reputation.

8. ITEM NO. 5: HOSTING FEE AND PARTICIPATION FEE FOR MULTIDAY TOURNAMENT

The Chairperson took up the next item on the agenda which was regarding the hosting fee and participation fee for multiday tournaments. The papers relating to the agenda point were already circulated to the members of the Apex Council.

Honorary Secretary apprised the members that member associations of BCCI had requested revising the hosting fee of the multi-day tournaments as the same was not financially viable. In this regard, it was recommended that the hosting fee of Ranji Trophy, Col. C K Nayudu Trophy, Cooch Behar Trophy and Vijay Merchant Trophy be increased from Rs. 1,00,000 per match day to Rs. 1,75,000 per match day and participation subsidy of Ranji Trophy, Col. C K Nayudu Trophy, Cooch Behar Trophy and Vijay Merchant Trophy be increased from Rs. 1,00,000 per match day to Rs. 1,25,000 per match day. Further, it was decided that only for organizing day-night domestic matches, the hosting association should be given Rs. 4,50,000/- per match from the current Rs. 3,50,000/- per match from Season 2022-23 as the cost are higher to use floodlights in the day-night matches. The hosting fees for day matches shall continue to remain Rs. 3,50,000/- per match.

After some deliberation, the Apex Council took note of the recommendations and approved the same.

9. ITEM NO. 6: RESOLUTION FOR UPDATING OF BANK SIGNATORIES

The Chairperson took up the next item on the agenda which was regarding updating the bank signatures.

Mr. Nikhil Khanna, AGM (Finance and Accounts) briefed the house regarding the need to update the bank signatories on account of them being no longer part of BCCI. Accordingly, the following resolution was passed:

RESOLVED THAT

Mr. Rahul Johri (Chief Executive Officer), Mr. Santosh Shripad Rangnekar (Chief Financial Officer) & Mr. Syed Saba Karim (General Manager – Cricket Operations) shall be deleted as signatory from all bank accounts and fixed deposits of BCCI, BCCI IPL, BCCI ICC WORLD CUP T20 & NCA and the following individuals shall continue as the existing signatories:

Mr. Hemang Amin (Interim CEO & Chief Operating Officer – IPL)
Mr. Vijaykumar Shivpratap Tiwari (Asst. General Manager – Finance & Accounts)
Mr. Gaurav Saxena (General Manager – Operations)

The bank accounts and fixed deposits shall be operated by any 2 (two) out of the 3 (three) signatories, authorised by the Apex Council (as mentioned above) and shall be entitled to open / closure bank accounts, operate bank accounts, provide instructions for operation, finalise and sign documents, cheques, Issuance of credit cards from any bank for cards to Team managers, BCCI Staff and officials up to a limit of Rs. 15.00 Crores or for availing credit facility from banks for official purpose etc.

10. ITEM NO. 7: TO CONSIDER ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIRPERSON MAY CONSIDER NECESSARY TO BE INCLUDED IN THE AGENDA.

- (i) **Settlement with Zee:** The Apex Council was briefed about a proposal by Zee Entertainment Enterprises Limited to settle ongoing disputes with BCCI. The members requested some to deliberate and go through all the documents before giving a final decision on the issue.
- (ii) **Revision of Infrastructure Subsidy Policy:** The Chairperson suggested that the current Infrastructure subsidy is a one-time policy and there have been requests to make a policy for maintenance of the stadiums after availing the one-time infrastructure subsidy policy (currently at Rs. 100 crores) after a period 5 or 10 years. After some deliberation, it was decided that the Office Bearers of the BCCI be authorized to form a committee to look into the matter and submit a report to be placed before the general body in the Annual General Meeting of BCCI.

11. VOTE OF THANKS

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

