

MINUTES OF THE 13th APEX COUNCIL MEETING OF BOARD OF CONTROL FOR CRICKET IN INDIA (BCCI) HELD ON THURSDAY, 21ST JULY 2022 AT 3.00 P.M. AT JW MARRIOTT SAHAR, MUMBAI

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. Mr. C.M. Sane CAG Nominee
8. Mr. Aunshuman Gaekwad ICA Representative (Female)
9. 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 13th Apex Council Meeting of the BCCI. He explained that owing to the prevailing Covid-19 situation, certain members had joined the meeting 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 12TH APEX COUNCIL MEETING

The Chairperson took up the first item on the agenda which was confirmation of the minutes of the 12th Apex Council Meeting held on April 23, 2022.

After some deliberation, minutes of the 12th Apex Council Meeting held on April 23, 2022, were approved.

4. ITEM 2: RATIFICATION OF RESOLUTION(S) BY CIRCULATION PASSED

The Chairperson took up the next item on the agenda which was ratification of the resolution(s) by circulation. The papers relating to the agenda point were circulated to the members of the Apex Council.

The following two resolutions were passed by circulation:

“RESOLVED THAT BCCI shall enter into a memorandum of settlement with Zee Entertainment Enterprises Limited (“Zee”) with regards to the ongoing dispute arising out of the Agreement dated 12th April 2006 entered between BCCI and Zee and presently pending before the Madras High Court and Bombay High Court. Pursuant to the memorandum of settlement, all claims counter claims and/ or disputes of whatsoever nature between BCCI and Zee arising under the Agreement dated 12 April 2006 shall stand settled.

“RESOLVED THAT BCCI shall grant one-time approval to the Saurashtra Cricket Association to conduct its T20 tournament from 2nd June to 11th June 2022. The approval is accorded owing to the Covid-19 situation prevailing currently and is a one-time approval.”

The Apex Council ratified the two resolutions passed by circulation.

5. ITEM NO. 3: RATIFICATION FOR THE EXPENSES INCURRED TOWARDS CONTRIBUTION TO OTHER SPORTS (OLYMPICS) / CONTRIBUTION DURING PANDEMIC.

The Chairperson took up the next item on the agenda which was ratification of the expenses incurred towards contribution to Olympics and towards contribution during pandemic. The papers relating to the agenda point were circulated to the members of the Apex Council.

Mr. Nikhil Khanna, Assistant General Manager- Finance and Accounts, apprised the members that BCCI has supported the Indian contingent to Tokyo Olympics for an amount of INR 9.51 crores. An approval for the same had already been taken from the Apex Council for an amount of INR 10 crores. The BCCI has contributed for (1) obtaining oxygen concentrators for Covid-19 for an amount of INR 4.08 crores; (2) by participating in PM Mementos auction and successfully bought the mementos for an amount of INR 5 crores; and (3) by giving cash awards to Olympic medalists at Tokyo Olympics 2020 totaling an amount of INR 4 crores. Therefore, in totality, the BCCI has incurred expenses worth INR 22.59 crores (approx..) out of which INR 10 crores has already been approved and approval for INR 12.59 crores remains to be given by the Apex Council.

The Apex Council discussed the same and gave approval for the expenses incurred for an amount of INR 12.59 crores

6. ITEM NO. 4: RATIFICATION OF INCREASE IN MONTHLY GRATIS

The Chairperson took up the next item on the agenda which was ratification of increase in the monthly gratis. The papers relating to the agenda point were circulated to the members of the Apex Council.

The Chairperson apprised the members that the BCCI has announced a hike in monthly pensions of former cricketers (men and women) and former umpires from (1) INR 15,000 to INR 30,000; (2) INR 22,500 to INR 45,000; (3) INR 30,000 to INR 52,500; (4) INR 37,500 to INR 60,000; and (5) INR 50,000 to INR 70,000, with effect from June 1, 2022. The additional financial implication due to this decision is Rs. 20 Crores annually.

After some deliberation, the Apex Council ratified the increase in monthly gratis.

7. ITEM NO. 5: UPDATE ON THE BANK GUARANTEE FROM STAR INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED

The Chairperson took up the next item on the agenda which was updating the members on the Bank Guarantee from Star India Private Limited. The papers relating to the agenda point were already circulated to the members of the Apex Council.

The Chairperson apprised the members that due to Covid-19; the future tours program was rescheduled and consequently, the number of matches which are going to be held in 2022-2023 season have gone up from what was intended. However, owing to covid 19 the number of matches to be held in 2021-22 season had fallen but Star had paid the entire Bank Guarantee amount.

Due to the increase in the number of matches in 2022-2023 season, Star is falling short of bank guarantee worth INR 429.2 crores as per the media rights agreement and has asked for exemption from providing the INR 429.2 crores additional bank guarantee as they had paid more in 2021-22 season.

After some deliberation, the Apex Council decided that the bank guarantee for INR 400 crores be taken from Star India Pvt. Ltd at least till the end of series with South Africa in October 2022. Post that, the bank guarantee can be returned to Star.

8. ITEM NO. 6: UPDATE ON THE NATIONAL CRICKET ACADEMY- CAMPS AND COURSES

The Chairperson took up the next item on the agenda which was regarding an update on the National Cricket Academy. The papers relating to the agenda point were already circulated to the members of the Apex Council. The Chairperson invited Mr. V.V.S. Laxman, Head, National Cricket Academy to update the members on the National Cricket Academy.

Mr. Laxman thanked the members and highlighted the help received by him from the Office Bearers of BCCI. Mr. Laxman apprised the members that since December 1, 2021, the NCA had conducted a total of 23 training camps and 3 tournaments pan India. The training camps included preparation for various international tournaments. In the future, the NCA aims to conduct specialist camps. The idea of all these camps is to identify 25 top U-19 players for both boys and girls and 25 emerging players.

Mr. Laxman apprised the members that Mr. Nitin Patel was selected as head of Sports Science and various appointments were made for support staff for men and women teams. Mr. Laxman further informed the members that various Level 1 courses for coach education were conducted and several Level 2 courses are being conducted as well. He further informed that at least two Level 3 courses may be conducted.

To a specific query from Shri C.M. Sane with respect to finances, it was replied that requisite financial management systems and delegation was in place in the National Cricket Academy at Bengaluru.

The Chairperson updated regarding the construction of the new National Cricket Academy.

After some deliberation, the Apex Council took note of the updates regarding the National Cricket Academy.

9. ITEM NO. 7: UPDATE ON THE DOMESTIC SEASON 2022-2023: (A)PROCUREMENT OF NEW EQUIPMENT; (B) FORMAT AND TIMELINES

The Chairperson took up the next item on the agenda which was regarding an update on the domestic season 2022-2023. The papers relating to the agenda point were already circulated to the members of the Apex Council. The Chairperson invited Mr. Abey Kuruvilla, General Manager, Game Development to update the members on the agenda.

Mr. Kuruvilla apprised the members that out of three options for the format of the men's domestic season 2022-2023, we may go with option which has 32 teams in the Elite Group and 6 teams in the Plate Group with 2 promotions and relegations to Elite Group and Plate Group. Further, the Duleep Trophy shall revert to the zonal system. Mr. Kuruvilla also advised that certain prize money may be given to winners and runners up of the groups. The Honorary Secretary requested the members to authorize the Office Bearers to decide the said prize money. Mr. Kuruvilla apprised the members that for girls, U-15, U-19, and Senior Women tournaments will be held.

With respect to procurement of new equipment, Mr. Kuruvilla informed the members that the BCCI shall be issuing tender with respect to procuring new equipment.

Mr. Kuruvilla further apprised the members with regards to a new system for bone testing which may give results more quickly and in cost-effective manner. The BCCI may therefore try the company on a trial basis. This will have an additional cost of Euro 3.6 per test and as it is still in evaluation / trial phase, hence BCCI will consume this additional cost and will not charge it back to SCA's.

Mr. Kuruvilla apprised the members regarding the player transfer guidelines and that certain changes may be made to the same taking a holistic approach. He requested the members to authorize him to draft a revised player transfer guideline.

After some deliberation, the Apex Council took note of the updates on the domestic season 2022-2023 and authorized Office Bearers to decide on the prize money to be given to the winners and runners-up of Elite Group and Plate Group. The Apex Council further granted approval to use the company providing more effective bone testing on a trial basis. The Apex Council further granted approval to Mr. Kuruvilla to draft a revised player transfer guideline.

10. ITEM NO. 8: UPDATE ON GRADATION OF UMPIRES

The Chairperson took up the next item on the agenda which was regarding an update on the gradation of umpires. The papers relating to the agenda point were already circulated to the members of the Apex Council.

The Chairperson apprised the members that a new level of 'A+' in the gradation of umpires has been added. With the revised levels, there are now 10 umpires in the 'A+' category, 20 umpires in the 'A' category, 60 umpires in the 'B' category, 46 umpires in the 'C' category and 11 umpires in the 'D' category.

After some deliberation, the Apex Council took note of the updates on gradation of umpires.

11. ITEM NO. 9: UPDATE ON THE FOLLOWING SPONSORS FOR THE INDIAN CRICKET TEAM: (A) BYJUS (I.E., THINK & LEARN PRIVATE LIMITED); AND (B) PAYTM (I.E., ONE97 COMMUNICATIONS LIMITED)

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The Chairperson took up the next item on the agenda which was regarding an update on sponsors of Indian cricket team. The Chairperson invited Mr. Hemang Amin, Interim CEO, BCCI to apprise the members regarding the agenda.

Mr. Amin apprised the members that with respect to BYJUS, the sponsor lost a year of the contract due to Covid-19. In this regard BYJUS has requested that the term of the contract has been extended for a term of 3 years and the payment schedule be slightly changed. Mr. Amin suggested, an extension of 3 months be given and thereafter, the situation may be reassessed.

Mr. Amin apprised the members that with respect to PayTM, the sponsor has requested that they may be allowed to assign their rights to Mastercard for the remaining 9 months. Mastercard will pay the same rights fee and provide a bank guarantee. PayTM shall pay the 5% assignment fee to BCCI.

The Apex Council discussed the matter and granted approval to give an extension of 3 months to BYJUS and to allow assignment by PayTM to Mastercard.

12. ITEM NO. 10: UPDATE ON BCCI'S MEDIA RIGHTS.

The Chairperson took up the next item on the agenda which was regarding an update on BCCI's Media Rights. The Chairperson invited Mr. Hemang Amin, BCCI to apprise the members regarding the agenda.

Mr. Amin apprised the members that the current cycle of BCCI's Media Rights will expire on March 31, 2023. Mr. Amin proposed to start the tender process for the media rights to have a broadcaster before the end of the current cycle. It was suggested that a tender for 4-year cycle be made.

The Apex Council discussed the matter and noted the update on the BCCI Media Rights.

13. ITEM NO. 11: UPDATE ON THE PROCESS PERTAINING TO THE 'REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR PRODUCTION RELATED SERVICE', FOR INDIAN PREMIER LEAGUE AND BCCI DOMESTIC MATCHES

The Chairperson took up the next item on the agenda which was regarding an update on the process pertaining the Request for Proposal for Production related services for IPL and BCCI Domestic matches. The papers relating to the agenda point were already circulated to the members of the Apex Council.

The Apex Council was briefed that in the previous cycle, Star India Pvt Ltd was the broadcast partner as well as the production partner. However, in the current cycle, there are three different broadcast partners. Considering the same, the Apex Council is required to take a decision whether broadcasters will be allowed to participate in the tender for production related services for IPL and domestic matches.

After some deliberation, it was decided that the Office Bearers be authorized to decide on this matter after due deliberation with the stakeholders.

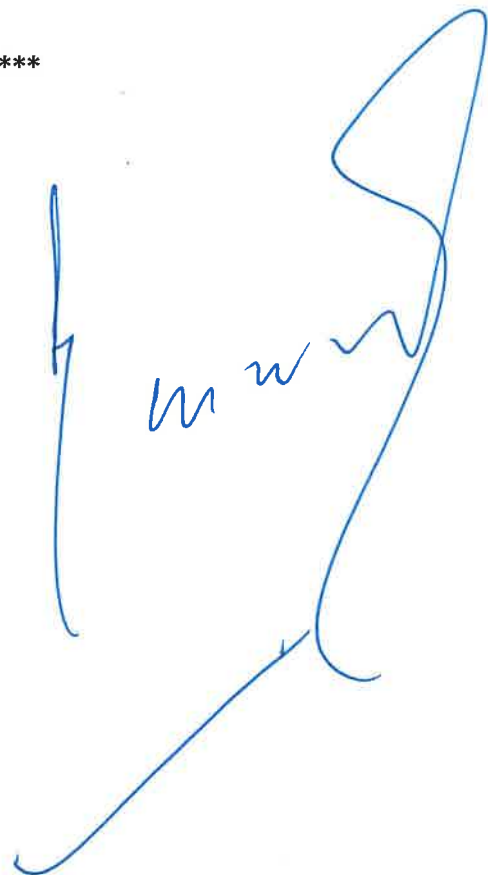
14. ITEM NO. 12: TO CONSIDER ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIRPERSON MAY CONSIDER NECESSARY TO BE INCLUDED IN THE AGENDA.

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- (i) **Matter concerning an ex- employee of BCCI:** The Apex Council was briefed about a matter filed by an ex- employee of BCCI claiming certain amounts due to him by BCCI. The Apex Council noted the same and mentioned the due process as determined by the Hon'ble court be followed by BCCI.
- (ii) **NCA policy for fitness injury management and skill development:** The Apex Council was apprised that a new policy has been drafted for injury management and skill development under which players may benefit more from NCA, Bengaluru. After some deliberation, the Apex Council approved the new NCA policy for fitness injury management and skill development.
- (iii) **Venues for Australia series and South Africa series in India:** The Apex Council was briefed regarding the venues for Australia series and South Africa series as per rotation policy. It was apprised to the members that the venues recommended for the Australia series are Mohali, Nagpur and Hyderabad and the venues recommended for the South Africa series are Thiruvananthapuram, Guwahati and Indore for the T20I series and Lucknow, Ranchi and Delhi for the ODI series. After some deliberation, the Apex Council approved the venues for the Australia and South Africa series.

15. 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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