

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF ADMINISTRATORS
HELD ON 27TH FEBRUARY 2018 AT BCCI HQ, MUMBAI**

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Ms. Diana Edulji
Mr. Rahul Johri – BCCI CEO
Mr. Santosh Rangnekar – BCCI CFO
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**ITEM 1: CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF
COMMITTEE OF ADMINISTRATORS HELD ON 3RD JANUARY 2018 AND 23RD
JANUARY 2018**

1. The COA perused the draft minutes of the meetings held on 3rd January 2018 and 23rd January 2018 and made some corrections therein.
2. The COA decided that once the said corrections have been carried out, the Chairman shall sign the minutes after which the said signed minutes should be put up on the BCCI website in the interests of transparency.

ITEM 2: MATTERS ARISING OUT OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

A. Item 7(A) of Minutes of Meeting dated 23rd January 2018 – Treasurer’s Email dated 14th January 2018

1. The COA was informed that pursuant to the COA meeting held on 23rd January 2018, the BCCI management (i.e. CEO/ CFO) had provided their inputs on the remaining points raised by the Treasurer in his email dated 14th January 2018 and CAM Team is in the process of compiling the same in the form of two charts for the COA’s ease of reference viz. (i) chart of Treasurer’s allegations and management comments thereon; and (ii) chart of the Treasurer’s observations on the documents signed under protest and the CFO’s comments thereon.
2. The COA decided that the aforesaid charts containing the inputs from BCCI management should be circulated to the COA for its perusal and consideration.

B. Item 6(B) of Minutes of Meeting dated 12th April 2017 and Item 7(E)(3) of Minutes of Meeting dated 24th & 25th October 2017 – Verification/ Certification of Expenses relating to Cricket Operations



1. The COA referred to Item 6(B) of the minutes of the COA meeting held on 12th April 2017 on the issue of payments for cricket operations and noted that payments relating to cricket operations were initially required be verified and certified by Dr. M. V. Sridhar and Prof. Ratnakar Shetty. Thereafter, the COA referred to Item 7(E)(3) of the minutes of the COA meeting held on 24th & 25th October 2017 and noted that after the resignation of Dr. M. V. Sridhar, payments relating to cricket operations are being verified by Prof. Ratnakar Shetty and Mr. Vijay Tiwari. It was discussed that since Prof. Ratnakar Shetty would be retiring with effect from 31st March 2018, there is a need to designate another person in his place for the purpose of verifying payments relating to cricket operations.
2. After discussion, the COA decided that:
 - (a) the existing mechanism stipulated in Item 7(A) of the minutes of the COA meeting held on 12th April 2017 and modified in Item 7(E)(3) of the minutes of the COA meeting held on 24th & 25th October 2017 would continue till 18th March 2018; and
 - (b) with effect from 19th March 2018, the regular approval process as specified in the directions dated 6th April 2017 may be followed for payments to third party vendors relating to cricket operations where the said vendors have supplied goods/ services for the benefit of State Associations provided such payments meet the following parameters:
 - (1) the fact that the payments relate to cricket operations is verified and certified by Mr. Vijay Tiwari and Mr. Saba Karim;
 - (2) the invoices/ bills are raised on BCCI; and
 - (3) after the payment is made by BCCI, an equivalent amount is adjusted against the relevant State Association's share of amount due to association.

C. Item 3(A) of Minutes of Meeting dated 5th April 2017 – Directions issued by the COA

1. The COA referred to paragraph 7 of the directions dated 6th April 2017 issued by the COA, which states as follows:

“Once a payment is approved and/or a decision is taken as aforesaid, the said payment shall be processed and/or decision implemented by the Joint Secretary and the Treasurer within 3 working days. The CEO shall complete all necessary paperwork and formalities with the banks for adding Mr. Santosh Rangnekar and Mr.



Ratnakar Shetty as additional signatories for all bank accounts. If a payment is not processed and/or decision is not implemented within 3 working days, the Committee of Administrators may direct the other two signatories, namely Mr. Santosh Rangnekar and Mr. Ratnakar Shetty, to process the payment and/or implement the decision instead of the Joint Secretary and the Treasurer.”

2. It was discussed that since Prof. Ratnakar Shetty would be retiring with effect from 31st March 2018, there is a need to designate another signatory in his place.
3. After some further discussion, the COA decided that:
 - (a) all necessary paperwork and formalities with the banks for adding Mr. Saba Karim as a signatory for all bank accounts of BCCI in place of Mr. Ratnakar Shetty should be completed on or before 18th March 2018; and
 - (b) with effect from 19th March 2018, paragraph 7 of the directions dated 6th April 2017 will stand modified to read as follows:

“Once a payment is approved and/or a decision is taken as aforesaid, the said payment shall be processed and/or decision implemented by the Joint Secretary and the Treasurer within 3 working days. If a payment is not processed and/or decision is not implemented within 3 working days, the Committee of Administrators may direct the other two signatories, namely Mr. Santosh Rangnekar and Mr. Saba Karim, to process the payment and/or implement the decision instead of the Joint Secretary and the Treasurer.”

D. Item 6(A) of Minutes of Meeting dated 27th September 2017 – Payments to State Associations

1. The COA was informed that pursuant to Item 6(A) of the minutes of the COA meeting held on 27th September 2017, BCCI had been making various payments to State Associations in terms thereof.
2. The CFO suggested that while all payments to State Associations had been made strictly as per the decisions of the COA, the COA should periodically ratify the payments made.
3. After discussion, the COA decided that the CFO should circulate a list of all the payments made to State Associations along with corresponding remarks/ justification against each payment referring to the relevant decision/ direction/ approval of the COA on the basis of which the same was made.



ITEM 3: IMPLEMENTATION OF REFORMS AND MATTERS RELATING THERETO

A. Compliance by Hyderabad Cricket Association

1. The checklist of compliance in respect of the Hyderabad Cricket Association (“HCA”) and the Legal Team’s observations thereon were discussed. It was noted that while Point No. 5 of the checklist requires State Associations to grant automatic membership to former international players hailing from the State, the amended Memorandum, Rules and Regulations of the HCA (“**HCA Constitution**”) specifically states that such former international players may be invited by the Apex Council to attend General Body meetings but shall not be entitled to vote. It was observed that different compliant State Associations had understood this provision in different ways regarding two aspects viz. (i) whether former international players have to be granted membership with voting rights or whether granting membership without voting rights was also sufficient to comply with this requirement; and (ii) whether ‘hailing from the State’ meant that the former international player should be a resident of the State or whether it meant that the former international player ought to have represented that State Association in first class cricket.
2. On the aspect of voting rights, it was discussed that if the membership of State Associations comprises of district associations, then it may not be fair to grant a former international player a vote which is equal to that of a representative from a district association. Accordingly, if a State Association had only representatives of district associations or clubs as voting members in the General Body, it should be acceptable for such a State Association to grant membership without voting rights to former international players. However, if a State Association had any individual members with voting rights, then such State Association must necessarily treat former international players at par with such individual members by giving them voting rights as well.
3. On the aspect of a former international player having represented a State Association in first class cricket but not residing within its jurisdiction, it was discussed that there could be situations where a particular former international player has represented one State Association in first class cricket but is residing in another State. There could also be situations where a former international player has represented more than one State Association in first class cricket. There could even be situations where a former international player has not represented any State Association in first class cricket but played only for railways/ services/ universities. It was discussed that in cases where a former international player has represented one or more State Associations in first class cricket and/or is residing in the jurisdiction of another State Association, it should be up to such former international player to choose which State Association he/she wanted to take membership in and the concerned State Association should



grant membership accordingly. In cases where a former international player has not represented any State Association in first class cricket, the State Association within whose jurisdiction such former international player resides should grant membership.

4. It was suggested that since the above clarifications/ detailing did not form part of the checklist that was earlier circulated to all State Associations, the same would need to be circulated even to those State Associations who had already been declared compliant by the COA on the basis of the said checklist. The COA agreed that this should be done.
5. The email addressed by Mr. Neeraj Kumar forwarding the report of BCCI's Anti Corruption Unit ("ACU") in relation to the Telangana T20 League was discussed and it was felt that some action must be taken on the basis of the said report. The allegation raised by certain persons that the President of HCA is disqualified on account of being an advisor to the Government of Telangana with cabinet rank was also noted.
6. After some further discussion, the COA decided that:
 - (a) The COA should address an email to the HCA setting out the observations of the Legal Team on the HCA Constitution and asking the HCA to address the said observations whilst confirming that any further orders that may be passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in relation to the recommendations of the Hon'ble Justice Lodha Committee and/or the judgment dated 18th July 2016 ("**Judgment**") will be accepted and implemented within one month thereof. The said email should also specifically ask the HCA to:
 - (1) clarify whether a former international player who has represented Hyderabad in first class cricket will be entitled to membership of the HCA even if he/ she does not reside in Telangana;
 - (2) confirm that the Apex Council will necessarily invite all international players who are granted membership to each and every General Body meeting of the HCA; and
 - (3) confirm that in the event any life member or individual member is entitled/ allowed to vote at General Body meetings of the HCA, international players who are granted membership shall also be granted equivalent voting rights;
 - (b) the email addressed by Mr. Neeraj Kumar along with the enclosed report of the ACU should be placed before the Hon'ble High Court at Hyderabad which



is hearing the matter relating to compliance by HCA with the recommendations of the Hon'ble Justice Lodha Committee;

- (c) if a copy of the appointment letter/ government order by which the President of HCA was appointed advisor to the Government of Telangana is not already available with BCCI, the COA should address an email to the President of HCA asking for a copy of the same and the issue should be brought to the attention of the Hon'ble High Court at Hyderabad which is hearing the matter relating to compliance by HCA with the recommendations of the Hon'ble Justice Lodha Committee; and
- (d) the COA should address an email to all State Associations that:
 - (1) if a State Association has only representatives of district associations or clubs as voting members in the General Body, it should be acceptable for such a State Association to grant membership without voting rights to former international players. However, if the State Association has any individual members with voting rights in the General Body, then such State Association must necessarily treat former international players at par with such individual members by giving them voting rights as well;
 - (2) in cases where a former international player has represented one or more State Association in first class cricket and/or is residing in the jurisdiction of another State Association, it should be up to such former international player to choose which State Association he/ she wants to take membership in and the concerned State Association should grant membership accordingly; and
 - (3) in cases where a former international player has not represented any State Association in first class cricket (possibly because he/ she has only played for railways/ services/ universities), the State Association within whose jurisdiction such former international player resides should grant membership.

B. Expiry of Term of BCCI Office Bearers

1. The COA was briefed on the issue of tenure of BCCI office bearers including (i) the relevant provisions of the existing Memorandum and Rules and Regulations of BCCI ("**Existing BCCI Constitution**"); (ii) when the current BCCI office bearers had been elected; (iii) the subsequent developments/ changes in the said posts; (iv) the relevant directions/ timelines issued by the Hon'ble Justice Lodha Committee pursuant to the Judgment including in relation to formal adoption of the new Memorandum of



Association and Rules and Regulations in terms of the Judgment (“**New BCCI Constitution**”), appointment of an Electoral Officer in terms of the New BCCI Constitution and holding an Annual General Meeting (“**AGM**”); and (v) a few past instances where an AGM of BCCI has not been held on or before 30th September. The COA was also briefed on the advice received from Senior Counsel in relation to the issue.

2. After discussion, the COA issued instructions for preparation of a draft status report and decided that:
 - (a) a draft status report should be prepared along the lines instructed by the COA and circulated for the COA’s consideration; and
 - (b) the COA would separately consider what further directions, if any, should be issued in exercise of powers conferred vide orders dated 2nd January 2017 and 30th January 2017 passed by the Hon’ble Supreme Court.

ITEM 4: CRICKETING MATTERS

Mr. Saba Karim joined the meeting.

A. Cricket Operations Update

Mr. Saba Karim made a presentation on various matters pertaining to the Cricket Operations department/ team.

During the presentation, Mr. Tufan Ghosh joined the meeting.

(1) WOMEN’S CRICKET:

1. Mr. Saba Karim suggested that in order to broaden the reach of women’s cricket there is a need for strategic branding. In fact, since the ICC Women’s World Twenty20 is scheduled from 9th to 24th November 2018, efforts should be initiated now itself towards that end. Accordingly, he suggested that (i) a media agency should be appointed to run a media campaign for the women’s team along the lines of “Men-In-Blue” and/or “Boys-In-Blue” for the senior and junior men’s teams respectively; (ii) the domestic women’s tournaments should be named; and (iii) all the women’s bilateral and tri-series matches to be held in March and April 2018 should be telecast live at least on the BCCI website.
2. The CEO suggested that appointment of media agency should be finalised after General Manager – Marketing, Communications and Digital takes charge.



3. After discussion, the COA decided that:

- (a) the process for appointing a media agency to run a media campaign for the women's team can be commenced after the General Manager – Marketing, Communications and Digital takes charge;
- (b) the recommended names for women's domestic tournaments should be placed before the COA; and
- (c) all women's bilateral and tri-series matches to be held in March and April 2018 should be telecast live at least on the BCCI website.

(2) UMPIRES LEVEL 1 REFRESHER EXAM:

- 1. Mr. Saba Karim informed the COA that there was a disparity in the question paper that was set for 4 out of 8 centres such that it contained 39 questions whereas the question paper that was set for the other 4 centres contained only 29 questions. At the 4 centres with the 39-questions question papers, only 2 candidates had passed.
- 2. The COA observed that it had received quite a few communications in relation to the Umpires Level 1 Refresher Exam from aggrieved candidates. The CEO said that the Acting President had also requested that the issue be addressed.
- 3. Mr. Saba Karim recommended that BCCI should conduct a re-examination for those candidates who had failed from the 4 centres where the 39-questions question paper had been used. The new question paper for the re-examination would contain 29-questions and be at par with the 29-questions question paper set earlier for the other 4 centres so that there would be no need for those who had already passed to appear for re-examination. Further, it was also recommended that a Controller of Examinations be appointed for these exams.
- 4. After some discussion, the COA also agreed with Mr. Saba Karim's recommendations and decided that BCCI should proceed accordingly.

(3) PROCEEDINGS UNDER BCCI CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PLAYERS AND TEAM OFFICIALS:

- 1. The COA was informed that during the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy match between Hyderabad and Karnataka, there was an incident on account of which a Notice of Charge had been issued to Mr. Ambati Rayudu (Captain of Hyderabad) and Mr. Kishan Rao (Team Manager of Hyderabad) under the BCCI Code of Conduct for Players and Team Officials ("**Code of Conduct**"). While Mr. Rayudu had replied



admitting the charge as well as the proposed sanction, no reply had been received from Mr. Rao.

2. Legal Team referred to the provisions of the Code of Conduct and pointed out that while no further action was necessary in relation to Mr. Rayudu, Mr. Rao should be treated as having denied the charge. Further, based on the offence forming subject-matter of the Notice of Charge issued to Mr. Rao, the procedure under the Code of Conduct requires BCCI to appoint one member from BCCI's Disciplinary Committee as soon as reasonably practicable to hear the case sitting alone.
3. After discussion, the COA decided to appoint the Acting President to hear the case of Mr. Kishan Rao under the Code of Conduct.

(4) EXTENSION OF MR. AFZAL KHAN'S APPOINTMENT AS TRAINER FOR WOMEN'S TEAM:

1. The COA was informed that pursuant to the COA meeting held on 3rd January 2018, Mr. Afzal Khan had been recommended for appointment as trainer for the women's team till 31st March 2018, when the women's national team season gets over and the same had been approved. It was now recommended that Mr. Khan be retained for the bilateral and tri-series to be held in April 2018 as well and that the appointment should be made on a more long term basis.
2. After discussion, the COA decided that:
 - (a) The appointment of Mr. Afzal Khan as trainer for the women's team should be extended till 30th April 2018; and
 - (b) In the meantime, Mr. Saba Karim should, after obtaining feedback from the team manager of the women's team, initiate discussions with Mr. Afzal Khan regarding an annual contract viz. the terms of engagement, remuneration, etc.

(5) DIFFICULTIES OF HAVING THREE-MEMBER SELECTION COMMITTEES:

1. Mr. Saba Karim said that he was aware that one of recommendations of the Hon'ble Justice Lodha Committee (as accepted vide the Judgment) is that the number of members of the Selection Committee should be reduced from 5 to 3. He expressed the view that it is extremely difficult for even 5 selectors to effectively cover all domestic matches. In this context, the option of re-starting the Talent Resource Development Officer ("TRDO") system was discussed. A separate component for this could be introduced in BCCI Online Database Monitoring System ("ODMS") and access could be provided to the national selectors.



2. The CEO suggested that since there is a match referee appointed by BCCI for every domestic match, they could be asked to provide feedback on player performance as well.
3. After discussion, the COA decided that match referees for domestic matches should be mandated to provide feedback on performance of players to facilitate decision by the national selection committees and the ODMS access should be provided to National Selectors.

(6) FORMULATION OF GUIDELINES:

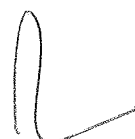
1. The COA was informed that there is a need to formulate (i) selection and performance review guidelines for the national teams; and (ii) guidelines for national and State players at the National Cricket Academy (“NCA”) for injury and skill enhancement.
2. After discussion, the COA decided that drafts of the said guidelines should be prepared and placed before the COA.

(7) FEES OF NCA/ ZCA COACHES, TRAINERS/ PHYSIOTHERAPISTS AND VIDEO ANALYSTS:

1. The COA was informed that there is a need to have uniformity vis-à-vis payment of fees amongst the NCA/ Zonal Cricket Academies (“ZCA”) coaches, support staff, etc. Currently, the Test Match coaches are being paid an amount of Rs. 12,000/- per day whereas non-Test Match coaches are being paid an amount of Rs. 8,000/- per day. Additionally, the trainers and physiotherapists are being paid Rs. 4,500/- per day whereas video analysts are being paid Rs. 6000/- per day. Mr. Saba Karim recommended that the fees for NCA/ ZCA coaches be made uniform at Rs. 12,000/- per day and that the fees for trainers/ physiotherapists and video analysts be increased to Rs. 6000/- and Rs. 8000/- respectively.
2. After discussion, the COA decided that the CEO, CFO and Mr. Saba Karim should jointly prepare a proposal and place the same before the COA.

(8) CAPTAINS AND COACHES CONCLAVE:

1. The COA was informed that this time’s men’s captains and coaches conclave has been scheduled earlier than usual, i.e. on 12th March 2018, to provide more time to State Associations to prepare for the upcoming cricket season. Mr. Saba Karim recommended that a meeting of the Women’s Cricket Development Committee comprising of Ms. Diana Edulji, Mr. Rahul Johri, Prof. Ratnakar Shetty, Ms. Mithali



Raj, Ms. Harmanpreet Kaur, Ms. Hemlata Kala, Mr. Tushar Arothe and Ms. Jhulan Goswami also be held along with the men's captain and coaches conclave.

2. After discussion, the COA agreed with the above recommendation and decided that a meeting of the Women's Cricket Development Committee should be held along with the men's captains and coaches conclave.

(9) TRIPARTITE AGREEMENT FOR INDIA 'A' TOURS WITH CRICKET AUSTRALIA AND CRICKET SOUTH AFRICA:

1. The COA was informed that there is a tripartite agreement for India 'A' tours between BCCI, Cricket Australia and Cricket South Africa, which agreement was breached by Cricket Australia last year. Mr. Saba Karim said that he had discussed the issue with Mr. Rahul Dravid (Head Coach of India 'A' Team) and provided his recommendation on the way forward.
2. After discussion, the COA decided that the Legal Team should examine the tripartite agreement and other relevant documents on the issue and provide its inputs on Mr. Saba Karim's recommendation.

(10) UPDATE ON OTHER MATTERS:

1. The COA was informed that the calendar for NCA/ ZCA camps has been prepared and combined ZCA camp has been introduced for the North Eastern States and Bihar. The COA was also informed that Level A course has been re-introduced with enhanced transparency and fairness and that the process of educational pathway/ curriculum for cricket coaches is being finalised.
2. The COA took note of the above.

B. National Cricket Academy Update

1. Mr. Tufan Ghosh made a presentation on the NCA including a draft proposal for the facilities to be constructed at the new NCA campus and the new hires to be put in place for the purpose. He said that it would be necessary to appoint a master planning agency for the new NCA campus.
2. After discussion, the COA decided that:
 - (a) The draft proposal in relation to the facilities at the new NCA campus should be fine-tuned by Mr. Tufan Ghosh, Mr. Saba Karim and the CEO and, thereafter, the Acting Secretary should be asked to call a meeting of the NCA Board for providing its inputs on the said proposal;



- (b) In the meantime, the Request For Proposals (“**RFP**”) document for appointing a master planning agency should be prepared and kept ready for including the list of proposed facilities (once the NCA Board provides its inputs); and
- (c) The matter of proposed appointment of various persons at the NCA shall be considered by the COA at a subsequent meeting.

Mr. Tufan Ghosh and Mr. Saba Karim left the meeting.

At this juncture, the CEO pointed out that the other cricketing matters pertained to the IPL and required the presence of Mr. Hemang Amin, who was currently in another meeting. The CFO suggested that, in the interests of time, some finance matters may be taken up until Mr. Amin joined the meeting. The COA agreed with the CFO’s suggestion.

ITEM 5: FINANCE MATTERS

A. Contribution to Cricket Association for the Blind in India

1. The COA was informed that it had earlier announced a reward of Rs. 1 crore on account of the team field by the Cricket Association for the Blind in India (“**CABI**”) having won the world cup. Of this amount, Rs. 51 lakhs (i.e. Rs. Lakhs to each of the 17 members of the team) had already been disbursed and the remaining Rs. 49 lakhs was to be disbursed in two instalments. The CFO sought instructions as to whether the said payment should be made only after asking CABI about how the said funds were intended to be utilized.
2. It was discussed that State Associations are required to submit their previous years’ audited accounts before funds are disbursed by BCCI. It was discussed that the new fund disbursement policy requires State Associations to submit utilization plans. It was discussed that it would only be fair if CABI is asked to submit similar documentation for receiving funds.
3. After some further discussion, the COA decided that BCCI should ask CABI to submit its audited accounts and utilization plan before disbursing any further amount.

Mr. Hemang Amin joined the meeting.

The COA decided that it would now take up the remaining cricketing matters which required presence of Mr. Amin and thereafter continue with the remaining finance matters.



ITEM 4: CRICKETING MATTERS (CONTINUED)

C. Update on Indian Premier League

(1) BUDGET FOR IPL 2018:

1. Mr. Hemang Amin presented the proposed budget for IPL 2018 and explained the differences from the budget for IPL 2017. The COA discussed certain specific aspects of the proposed budget with Mr. Amin including the increase in expenditure towards Prize Money from Rs. 41.35 crores for IPL 2017 to Rs. 51.35 crores for IPL 2018 and the increase in expenditure towards Play Offs Standing Fund from Rs. 40 crores for IPL 2017 to Rs. 50 crores for IPL 2018 on account of substantial increase in media rights income from IPL 2017 to IPL 2018. The suggestion that the opening ceremony take place a day prior to the first match and at a different venue in the same city was also discussed along with the pros and cons of the same.
2. After some further discussion, the COA decided that:
 - (a) The opening ceremony for IPL 2018 should held on the same day as the first match and at the same venue with a view to maintaining its connection with cricket;
 - (b) The proposed budget for IPL 2018 is approved with the budget for the IPL 2018 opening ceremony being reduced from Rs. 50 crores to Rs. 30 crores; and
 - (c) BCCI should do an RFP process for appointing an agency for staging/ conducting the opening/ closing ceremonies as per past practice.

(2) PLAYER CONTRACTS:

1. The COA was informed that one of the items of miscellaneous expenditure in the proposed budget for IPL 2018 was insurance for players who miss out on IPL on account of injury sustained while playing for India. However, such insurance would be pointless in the absence of subsisting retainership contracts between BCCI and the relevant Indian players because the same had expired on 30th September 2017.
2. The COA enquired from the Legal Team about the status of the player contracts and why the same were still not ready. The COA was informed that the player contracts were standard form agreements but they could only be finalized once the Legal Team was informed which players are in which grade/ category and the corresponding retainership fee for each grade/ category.



3. The COA then enquired from the CEO and the CFO as to why the grades/ categories of players and the corresponding retainership fee each grade/ category had not been provided to the Legal Team.
4. The COA was informed that:
 - (a) After the respective presentations by Deloitte and Mr. Anil Kumble during the joint meeting between the COA and office bearers on 21st May 2017, the COA had, during its meeting on 8th and 9th August 2017, referred the matter of increase in compensation for domestic players/ player remuneration structure to the Finance Committee.
 - (b) The matter was discussed during the meeting of the Finance Committee held on 6th October 2017 where the Treasurer's proposal on the matter was presented. However, as per the decisions communicated to the COA after the said meeting, the Finance Committee had asked that the proposal presented be re-worked and presented in the manner sought by the Finance Committee.
 - (c) The COA had addressed an email dated 21st November 2017 to the Chairman of the Finance Committee requesting that the Finance Committee's consideration of the matter be expedited, failing which the COA would be constrained to take a decision in the matter without waiting for the Finance Committee to give its recommendations thereon. The Chairman of the Finance Committee had replied the same day saying that (i) he was still awaiting a revert from the Acting Secretary, Treasurer and CEO with a reformulated proposal; and (ii) a meeting of the Finance Committee would be set up once he heard from them.
 - (d) Thereafter, based on the discussions between the COA and Mr. Ravi Shastri, Mr. Virat Kohli and Mr. M. S. Dhoni during the COA meeting held on 30th November 2017, the CFO and the CEO had made a fresh proposal on the player remuneration structure for international and domestic cricketers. This had been presented to the COA during the meeting held on 3rd January 2018, when the COA had decided that the presentation containing the player remuneration structure should be circulated to the Chairman of the Finance Committee, the Acting Secretary and the Treasurer for their queries/ comments before being presented to the Finance Committee along with the rationale for the said proposal.
 - (e) The CEO had circulated the presentation containing the player remuneration structure to the Chairman of the Finance Committee, the Acting Secretary and the Treasurer vide email dated 12th January 2018. The Chairman of the Finance Committee had responded the same day saying that a meeting of the



Finance Committee would need to be set up to discuss the proposed player remuneration structure. The CEO had thereafter followed up with an email dated 18th January 2018 seeking a convenient date in the week of 29th January 2018 to fix the desired meeting. To this email, the Chairman of the Finance Committee responded saying that a meeting at 1 pm on 29th January 2018 works for him. However, the Treasurer responded saying that since 29th January 2018 is the date of next hearing, he would let the CEO know of a date for the meeting after that.

- (f) Accordingly, the player remuneration structure on the basis of which the grades/ categories of players as well as corresponding remuneration for each grade/ category would be decided was pending consideration by the Finance Committee.
5. It was discussed that sufficient opportunity had been given to the Finance Committee to provide its views and the players cannot keep waiting indefinitely and playing without a contract.
6. After some further discussion, the COA decided that:
- (a) The final player remuneration structure for international and domestic cricketers should be circulated to the COA for its approval without any further reference to the Finance Committee;
 - (b) The CEO should meet with the Chairman of the Senior Selection Committees to formulate lists of the recommended grades/ categories for each international cricketer as per the criteria forming part of the final player remuneration structure; and
 - (c) The aforesaid lists of the recommended grades/ categories for each international cricketer should then be circulated to the COA on or before 5th March 2018 so as to enable the announcement of new player contracts prior to commencement of the Nidahas Trophy Tri-Series in Sri Lanka.

D. Vendors for IPL 2018

1. The COA was informed that pursuant to the COA meeting held on 3rd January 2018, Ms. Karina Kripalani had circulated a list of the following contracts to the COA, each of which had a clause providing for extension:
- (a) Contract with G4S Secure Solutions Pvt. Ltd. for private security services;



- (b) Contract with Arun Sign Service Pvt. Ltd. for look and feel and stadium branding services; and
 - (c) Contract with Bigtree Entertainment Pvt. Ltd. for accreditation services.
2. Mr. Amin also informed the COA that pursuant to the COA's approval, the above contracts had been extended for IPL 2018 in terms of the decision taken by the COA on 3rd January 2018.

Mr. Amin then informed the COA that he was now seeking approval for appointment of various other vendors for IPL 2018 in terms of Paragraph 5 of the COA directions dated 6th April 2017 where the contract value is above Rs. 25 lakhs:

(1) VENDOR FOR 3D SIGNAGE PRODUCTION AND SERVICES:

1. The COA was informed that in order to select the vendor for 3D signage production and services, a common brief had been provided to Gameplan Sports Pvt. Ltd. ("**Gameplan**") and Ecomarc Sports Pvt. Ltd. ("**Ecomarc**"), which are the only two credible 3D signage production agencies in India. After quotes were received from both Gameplan and Ecomarc, a comparison was done. Mr. Amin recommended appointment of Ecomarc at a cost of Rs. 40,50,000/- (inclusive of taxes). He informed the COA that this amount included a portion for which the respective IPL franchisees would be debited at the end of the IPL season.
2. After discussion and based on Mr. Amin's recommendation, the COA approved the appointment of Ecomarc as the vendor for 3D signage production and services for IPL 2018 at a cost of Rs. 40,50,000/- (inclusive of taxes).

(2) VENDOR FOR IPL FANTASY LEAGUE:

1. The COA was informed that prior to IPL 2017, BCCI had conducted an RFP process for selecting a vendor for IPL Fantasy League and because there was only one qualified bidder (i.e. ITW Consulting Pvt. Ltd.), the contract was awarded for a period of one year only. The COA was also informed that the services provided were found to be satisfactory and Mr. Amin recommended that the same vendor be continued for IPL 2018 as well after which a fresh RFP can be done. He pointed that there was only a nominal increase in the cost to Rs. 1,18,00,000/- (inclusive of taxes).
2. After discussion and based on Mr. Amin's recommendation, the COA approved the extension of the contract of ITW Consulting Pvt. Ltd. as the vendor for IPL Fantasy League 2018 at a cost of Rs. 1,18,00,000/- (inclusive of taxes) and decided that an RFP process for appointing a vendor for IPL 2019 should be completed well in advance.

(3) VENDOR FOR PHOTOGRAPHY SERVICES:

1. The COA was informed that BCCI had an existing contract with Sportzpics for all photography services including IPL, international matches, events and other ceremonies. The services provided by Sportzpics include coverage, archiving, distribution to media houses, stakeholders, etc., providing raw images, servicing the sponsors and TV production requirements. Mr. Amin recommended that the same vendor should be continued for IPL 2018 as well after which a fresh RFP can be done. He also pointed out that the cost to BCCI for IPL 2016 and IPL 2017 was Rs. 92,89,860/- and Sportzpics was willing to provide the same services for IPL 2018 at the same cost.
2. After discussion and based on Mr. Amin's recommendation, the COA approved the extension of the contract of Sportzpics as the vendor for photography services for IPL 2018 at a cost of Rs. 92,89,860/- and decided that an RFP process for appointing a vendor for IPL 2019 should be completed well in advance.

(4) VENDOR FOR DIGITIZATION, ARCHIVING & VOD SERVICES:

1. The COA was informed that BCCI had been engaging the services of Prime Focus Technologies since IPL 2015 for providing various services including digitization, webmaster, videos on demand ("VOD"), transfer of footage to various IPL venues and creation & archiving of footage. Mr. Amin recommended that the same vendor should be engaged for IPL 2018 as well. He explained that for IPL 2018, the proposed cost was Rs. 55,51,190/- which was a bit higher when compared to IPL 2017 due to additional manpower and hardware requested.
2. After discussion and based on Mr. Amin's recommendation, the COA approved the engagement of Prime Focus Technologies as the vendor for digitization, archiving and VOD services for IPL 2018 at a cost of Rs. 55,51,190/-.

(5) VENDOR FOR IPL MERCHANDISE:

1. The COA was informed that in order to select the vendor for IPL merchandise (i.e. T-Shirts, Shirts and Socks), BCCI had asked for quotes and sample material from different entities. While Rihanna Industries had provided quotes and sample materials for all 3 items of merchandise as above, the other entities which provided quotes and sample materials were as follows:
 - (a) For T-Shirts, quotes and sample materials were received from Blurbox and Orion Marketing (in addition to Rihanna Industries;



- (b) For Shirts, quotes and sample materials were received from Wills Lifestyle and Michelle Boutique (in addition to Rihanna Industries); and
 - (c) For Socks, quotes and sample materials were received from Zonac Knitting and Happy Socks (in addition to Rihanna Industries).
2. Mr. Amin then informed the COA that considering the quality of the sample materials provided, cost quoted and willingness to meet stipulated timelines for delivery, he recommended engaging Rihanna Industries at a cost of Rs 37,93,976/-.
 3. After discussion and based on Mr. Amin's recommendation, the COA approved the engagement of Rihanna Industries as the vendor for IPL merchandise at a cost of Rs 37,93,976/-.

(6) VENDOR FOR BOUNDARY MARKERS:

1. The COA was informed that prior to IPL 2016, provision of boundary markers/ rope was part of the scope of services provided by the vendor for stadium look and feel. However, since the boundary markers are a patented product, in 2016 BCCI did a direct deal with Jadeja Sports & Entertainment Pvt. Ltd. ("**Jadeja Sports**") who have registered the design for the boundary markers. Mr. Amin pointed out that if BCCI did a deal with any other entity, such other entity would need to source the boundary markers from Jadeja Sports only and hence it was most cost efficient to do a direct deal with Jadeja Sports.
2. Mr. Amin then informed the COA that the quoted cost per venue this season is Rs. 5,30,000/- (exclusive of taxes), which is a bit higher when compared with IPL 2017 on account of a new design which reduces the scope for damage/ replacement. He pointed out that this cost had been negotiated down from the initially quoted cost of Rs. 5,75,000/- per venue (exclusive of taxes). He also pointed out that of this cost, BCCI would bear approximately 22% to 33% depending on the sponsor slots filled as the rest of the cost is borne by the respective title sponsor and official sponsors. In light of the above, he recommended engaging Jadeja Sports as the vendor for boundary markers at a total cost of Rs. 50,03,200/- (inclusive of taxes) for 8 venues.
3. After discussion and based on Mr. Amin's recommendation, the COA approved the engagement of Jadeja Sports as the vendor for boundary markers at a total cost of Rs. 50,03,200/- (inclusive of taxes) for 8 venues.

E. Rate-Based Contracts

1. The COA was informed that apart from the IPL-specific vendors, there are also some vendors (e.g. hotel/ accommodation, ground transport) whose services are utilized not

only for IPL but also other BCCI activities. Further, these contracts do not have a fixed contract value but are based on agreed rates. Mr. Amin requested the COA to clarify whether COA approval in terms of Paragraph 5 of the directions dated 6th April 2017 was required for such contracts.

2. It was discussed that BCCI invariably ended up paying much more than Rs. 25 lakhs under such rate-based contracts and expressed the view that COA approval should be required in such circumstances. The difficulty in ascertaining the amount that BCCI would ultimately pay under such rate-based contracts because that would depend on actual utilization of services was also discussed. It was suggested that the amount spent under the previous contract should be used as a benchmark and, if that amount was more than Rs. 25 lakhs, COA approval should be sought for the contract.
3. Mr. Amin then enquired whether only the incurred expense attributable to IPL should be taken into account for this purpose or whether the entire incurred expense should be considered. It was discussed that the entire incurred expense under the contract must be taken into account, unless there are separate contracts for IPL and non-IPL related services.
4. It was noted that under Section 10.3 of the Operating Process Manual for the BCCI ("**BCCI Manual**"), purchase of goods and services exceeding an amount of Rs. 1 crore are to be on the basis of a formal open tender process whereas purchases between Rs. 5 lakhs and Rs. 1 crore are to be on the basis of a request for quotations process with minimum of 3 quotations. It was discussed that if rate-based contracts are going to be considered based on estimated value (i.e. amount spent under previous contract) of entire contract, then the threshold of Rs. 1 crore is too low for requiring an RFP process.
5. It was noted that during the COA meeting held on 22nd July 2017 (where the BCCI Manual had been adopted), the COA had also mentioned that if any issues/ difficulties arose relating to any portion thereof, the same should be brought to the attention of the COA.
6. After some further discussion, the COA decided that:
 - (a) For the purpose of determining whether a rate-based contract requires COA approval under Paragraph 5 of the directions dated 6th April 2017 as well as for determining the process to be followed for awarding such contract, the estimated value of such contract based on the amount actually spent during the previous term should be considered; and



- (b) The threshold of Rs. 1 crore stipulated in Section 10.3 of the BCCI Manual stands increased to Rs. 5 crores and corresponding changes should be made in the relevant provisions of the BCCI Manual.

Mr. Amin then informed the COA that he was seeking approval for certain rate-based contracts whose estimated value based on the amount spent under the previous contract is above Rs. 25 lakhs and below Rs. 5 crores:

(1) RATE-BASED CONTRACT FOR GROUND TRANSPORT:

1. The COA was informed that BCCI engages a ground transport vendor under a rate-based contract and such vendor's services are utilized not only for IPL but also other BCCI activities through the year. The COA was also informed that the actual amount spent on ground transport for IPL 2017 only was Rs. 80,12,009/-. Mr. Amin said that while quotations had been invited from Eco (I) Mobility and Hospitality Pvt. Ltd. ("**Eco**"), Mann Tourist and Transport Pvt. Ltd. ("**Mann**") and Trade Wings Limited ("**TW**"), TW had not submitted its quotation and only Eco and Mann had done so. The quotations submitted by Eco and Mann had been evaluated based on various criteria including (i) estimated billing for 1 day (upon booking minimum number of vehicles); (ii) availability of better quality/ class vehicles; (iii) willingness to provide fixed daily rate for city based daily coordinators; (iv) willingness to upgrade to better quality/ class vehicles for specific bookings; and (v) willingness to waive off cancellation charges. A detailed sheet with rates offered by Eco and Mann for each type of vehicle in each city was also circulated. Based on the above evaluation, Mr. Amin recommended engaging Eco for the period 1st April 2018 to 31st March 2020 with option to extend till 31st March 2021.
2. After discussion and based on Mr. Amin's recommendation, the COA approved the engagement of Eco (I) Mobility and Hospitality Pvt. Ltd. as the ground transport vendor for the period 1st April 2018 to 31st March 2020 with option to extend till 31st March 2021 as per the rates and on the terms and conditions quoted.

(2) RATE-BASED CONTRACTS FOR HOTELS:

1. The COA was informed that BCCI enters into annual rate-based contracts with a number of hotels owned by premium hotel chains/ groups for meeting the accommodation requirements during IPL as well as for other BCCI activities throughout the year. The COA was also informed that the total amount spent only on IPL 2017 was Rs. 1,33,79,153/-. A breakup of the amounts paid to each premium hotel chains/ groups was also provided to the COA. Lists of the rates offered by each of the above premium hotel chains/ groups for their respective hotels as compared with the rates offered under the previous contracts were circulated.



2. After discussion and based on Mr. Amin's recommendation, the COA approved the rate-based hotel accommodation contracts with ITC Group, Marriott Group, Taj Group, Oberoi Group, Accor Group, Radisson Group, Hyatt Group and Lalit Group for the period 1st April 2018 to 31st March 2019 as per the rates and on the terms and conditions quoted.

F. Match Officials for IPL 2018

1. The COA was informed that DRS is being introduced in IPL 2018 and there is also emphasis on promoting Indian umpires and match officials whilst retaining a fair number of elite ICC umpires. A list of the proposed umpires and match referees was circulated.
2. After some discussion and based on Mr. Amin's recommendation, the COA approved the list of proposed umpires and match referees for IPL 2018.

G. Commentators for IPL 2018

1. The COA was informed that 30 commentators were proposed to be engaged by BCCI for IPL 2018 and that the media rights holder would be appointing its own additional commentators as well. A list of the proposed commentators was circulated.
2. After discussion, the COA approved the list of commentators for IPL 2018 subject to compliance with the new BCCI Conflict of Interest Rules.

ITEM 5: FINANCE MATTERS (CONTINUED)

B. Prize Money to Domestic Players

1. The COA was informed that prize money was now being directly to the concerned domestic players instead of being routed through the relevant State Association.
2. The COA took note of the above.

C. Prize Money to Under-19 Team for Winning World Cup

1. The COA was informed that Mr. Rahul Dravid had requested that the initially announced cash reward of Rs. 50 lakhs for Mr. Dravid be reduced to Rs. 25 lakhs to maintain parity with other core coaching staff.
2. A revised proposal for payment of prize money was placed before the COA. The COA was also informed that while the prize money to players remained unchanged

and had already been paid, the coaches, support staff and selectors would receive payment only after the COA approved the revised proposal.

3. After discussion, the COA approved the payment of prize money as per the revised proposal.

D. Audit of IPL Income & Expenditure/ Net Central Rights Statement

1. The COA was informed that the final instalment of each IPL franchisee's share of net central rights income for IPL 2017 can be paid only after the audit of income and expenditure for IPL 2017 is completed and the statement of net central rights income is finalized. The COA was also informed that the audit was ongoing and would be completed shortly. It was discussed that for IPL 2016, the COA had authorized the CEO, the CFO and Mr. Amin to sign the statement of net central rights income. The CFO requested the COA for a decision on who should be the persons to sign the statement of net central rights income for IPL 2017.
2. After discussion, the COA decided that:
 - (a) Once the ongoing audit of the income and expenditure for IPL 2017 is complete, the audited accounts for IPL 2017 along with statement of net central rights income for IPL 2017 should be placed before the IPL Governing Council for approval; and
 - (b) Once the IPL Governing Council approves the same, the audit accounts for IPL 2017 as well as the statement of net central rights income for IPL 2017 should be signed by the office bearers.

E. New Payment Terms for Payment of Franchisee Consideration by IPL Franchisees to BCCI and Net Central Rights Distribution by BCCI to IPL Franchisees

1. Mr. Amin informed the COA that a finance workshop for all IPL franchisees is scheduled to be conducted on 28th February 2018 on account of a change in the financial structure of the IPL from the 2018 season onwards. He pointed out that the franchise consideration payable by each IPL franchisee is no longer a fixed franchise fee but a percentage of the franchisee's income. For this reason, the timelines for payment of franchise consideration by IPL franchisees to BCCI as well as net central rights are proposed to be revised. He informed the COA of the proposed new payment terms for distribution of net central rights income to IPL franchisees as well as the proposed new payment terms for payment of franchisee consideration by IPL franchisees to BCCI.



2. Mr. Amin requested the COA to approve the said revised terms so that the same can be discussed with the IPL franchisees during the finance workshop scheduled to be conducted on 28th February 2018. He also requested the COA to approve payment of the first instalment of net central rights income to each IPL franchisee, i.e. Rs. 85 crores each amounting to a total of Rs. 680 crores amongst 8 IPL franchisees.
3. After discussion, the COA decided that:
 - (a) Based on Mr. Amin's recommendation, the proposed new payment terms for distribution of net central rights income to IPL franchisees and the proposed new payment terms for payment of franchisee consideration by each IPL franchisee to BCCI are approved; and
 - (b) Payment of first instalment of net central rights income, i.e. Rs. 85 crores to each IPL franchisee aggregating to Rs. 680 crores amongst 8 IPL franchisees is approved.

F. Visit by MVAT Enforcement Department Officials

1. The COA was informed that officials from the Maharashtra Value Added Tax enforcement department had visited BCCI office and contended that VAT was payable on sale of media rights in respect of matches played in Maharashtra. The COA was also informed that BCCI's tax consultant had advised Rs. 50 crores to be deposited under protest. The CFO recommended that the said amount should be deposited in two equal instalments in the month of March 2018 under protest and on a without prejudice basis and without accepting the position taken by MVAT authorities.
2. After discussion and based on the advice received from BCCI's tax consultant as well as the CFO's recommendation, the COA decided that BCCI should deposit an amount of Rs. 50 crores in two equal instalments in the month of March 2018 under protest and on a without prejudice basis and without accepting the position taken by MVAT authorities.

G. Intimation to Compliant State Associations to Raise Invoice

1. The COA was informed that certain amounts were due to State Associations on account of discontinuation of the Champions League T20 tournament and enquired whether compliant State Associations can be informed of the exact amount in order to enable them to raise invoices and receive payment from BCCI against the same.
2. After discussion, the COA decided that while the CFO/ Finance Team can communicate with the compliant State Associations for the purpose of asking them to



raise invoices, payments against the said invoices should be processed as per applicable directions.

H. BCCI Accounts for FY 2016-2017

1. The COA was informed that although the audited accounts for FY 2016-2017 had been approved by the Finance Committee on 6th October 2017 as well as by the COA on 24th/ 25th October 2017, the same were yet to be adopted since the AGM of BCCI has not been held.
2. After discussion, the COA decided that the fact that the BCCI's audited accounts for FY 2016-2017 are yet to be adopted on account of the AGM not having been held should be included in the status report to be filed by the COA before the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

I. Women's Team Kit

1. Ms. Edulji raised the issue of poor quality of the women's team kit. The CEO suggested that Mr. Gaurav Saxena should join for discussion on this issue.

Mr. Gaurav Saxena joined the meeting.

2. After discussion, the COA decided that BCCI should ensure parity in quality of kit between the men's teams and the women's teams and Mr. Gaurav Saxena should write to the kit manufacturer accordingly.

Mr. Gaurav Saxena left the meeting.

J. Match Fees for Women's 'A' Team

1. The CFO requested the COA to approve the match fees for the Women's 'A' Team as recommended by Prof. Ratnakar Shetty in November 2017 viz. (i) Rs. 50,000/- per match for the playing eleven and Rs. 25,000/- per match for the reserve players for one day games; and (ii) Rs. 25,000/- per match for the playing eleven and Rs. 12,500/- per match for the reserve players for T20 games.
2. After discussion, the COA approved the match fees for the Women's 'A' Team as recommended by Prof. Ratnakar Shetty and decided that the same should also be paid in respect of matches already played by the Women's 'A' Team since December 2017.

K. Financial Assistance to State Associations for Hosting Women's International Matches



1. The COA was informed that while the BCCI pays hosting fee to State Associations for hosting Test Matches, ODIs and T20 Matches for the men's teams, no such hosting fee is paid for hosting international women's matches. The suggestion that BCCI reimburse the actual expenses incurred by the hosting State Association for the purpose of hosting international women's matches was discussed.
2. The COA noted that earlier BCCI was not even paying hosting fee to State Associations for men's T20 international matches and this had been introduced after the COA referred to the matter to the Finance Committee, which decided to introduce such hosting fee for men's T20 international matches during its meeting held on 6th October 2017. It was suggested that in order to maintain consistency, the decision on whether BCCI should pay hosting fee for women's international matches should also be referred to the Finance Committee.
3. After discussion, the COA decided that BCCI should reimburse actual expenses incurred by State Associations for hosting women's international matches after verification of relevant documents and debit such reimbursed amount against the relevant State Association's share of amount due to association, unless the Finance Committee decides otherwise.

L. Bills of Senior Advocate Mr. Puneet Bali and his Team

1. The COA was informed that bills of Senior Advocate Mr. Puneet Bali and his assisting advocate Mr. Gunjan Rishi for the hearings dated 29th November 2017 and 29th January 2018 before the Hon'ble Supreme Court had been received. While the fees of Mr. Bali are Rs. 6,00,000/- per hearing, the fees of Mr. Rishi are Rs. 60,000/- per hearing. The CFO suggested that if payment to Mr. Rishi is approved, it should be adjusted against the excess amount paid to him earlier.
2. After discussion, the COA approved payment of Rs. 12,00,000/- to Senior Advocate Mr. Puneet Bali and decided that the amount of Rs. 1,20,000/- payable to Advocate Mr. Gunjan Rishi should be adjusted against the excess amount paid to him earlier.

M. Treasurer's Queries on Payment Lists

1. The COA was informed that the Treasurer has sought details and supporting documents in respect of certain payments included in the payment list dated 16th February 2018, which payments have already been approved by the Acting Secretary and the CEO in accordance with the directions dated 6th April 2017.
2. After discussion, the COA decided that it would send an email to the Treasurer communicating its stand in relation to the above.

Meeting concluded.

