

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF ADMINISTRATORS
HELD ON 18TH MAY 2018 AT HOTEL ITC MAURYA, NEW DELHI**

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**ITEM 1: CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE
COMMITTEE OF ADMINISTRATORS HELD ON 12TH APRIL 2018 AND
MATTERS ARISING OUT OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

A. Confirmation of the Minutes of the COA Meeting held on 12th April 2018

1. The COA was informed that pursuant to the COA meeting held on 2nd May 2018 during which certain corrections were made by the COA in the draft minutes of the COA meeting held on 12th April 2018, the said corrections had been carried out and the corrected minutes had been circulated for approval.
2. After discussion, the COA made some additional corrections in the draft minutes of the COA meeting held on 12th April 2018 and 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.

B. Item 4(E) of the Minutes of Meeting dated 25th April 2018 – Recommendations of the Technical Committee pursuant to its Meeting held on 16th April 2018

The COA decided that this matter would be taken up after Mr. Saba Karim joins the meeting.

C. Item 2(C) of the Minutes of Meeting dated 2nd May 2018 – Email dated 27th April 2018 from the Cricket Association of Pondicherry

1. The COA noted that during the COA meeting held on 2nd May 2018, it had decided that it will wait till after the hearing on 11th May 2018 and then respond to the email from the Cricket Association of Pondicherry (“CAP”) *inter alia* enquiring about the preparations required to be done for Ranji Trophy 2018-2019 season. The COA also noted that the order dated 11th May 2018 passed by the Hon’ble Supreme Court states that the claim of the Union Territory of Puducherry shall be dealt with on the next date of hearing.

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2. The COA noted that the report of the Hon'ble Justice Lodha Committee ("**LC Report**") requires an association from Puducherry to be inducted as an Associate Member and, pursuant to the order dated 21st September 2017 passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court, the COA had given opportunity of hearing to the 3 claimant associations from Puducherry and decided that the CAP should be granted Associate Membership. However, the other 2 claimant associations have challenged the said decision before the Hon'ble Supreme Court and the same is pending.
3. The COA noted that the LC Report states that Puducherry should be inducted as an Associate Member which will retain rights to field a team and compete. It was discussed that while the LC Report also states that it is left to the discretion of BCCI whether the Union Territories would field individual or combined teams for tournaments, this would be applicable to Union Territories other than Puducherry on account of the specific reference to Puducherry as having the right to field a team. The COA then noted that even where the LC Report states that the 4 associations (i.e. 2 associations each from the States of Maharashtra and Gujarat) would be relegated to the category of Associate Members, it also states that the said associations will continue to field teams for competitions as they have done in the past. For the above reasons, it was discussed that the effect of LC Report is to do away with separate tournaments for Full Members and Associate/ Affiliate Members because there will be no Affiliate Members and very few Associate Members that field teams. It was also discussed that this view is supported by the portion of the LC Report which states that it is left to the discretion of the BCCI whether, for the purposes of expediency and convenience, the teams representing the States of the North-East should be combined because the question of combining teams from the North-East only arises if the said teams compete against other Full Members because they already field individual teams when playing Associate and Affiliate tournaments against each other.
4. The COA noted that all the current Associate Members and Affiliate Members (i.e. Bihar, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, Sikkim and Arunachal Pradesh) are required to be made Full Members as per the LC Report. It was also noted that apart from requiring the current Associate Members and Affiliate Members to be given Full Member status, the LC Report also requires the induction of Full Members from those States which are currently not even represented by an Affiliate Member or an Associate Member (i.e. Mizoram and Uttarakhand).
5. In light of the aforesaid, it was discussed that while provision for a team from Puducherry should be made while drawing up the schedule for the Ranji Trophy 2018-2019 season, the option of the said schedule not specifying that the CAP shall be the association representing Puducherry till the Hon'ble Supreme Court adjudicates on the challenge made by the other 2 claimant associations can be considered.

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6. However, it was noted that since the COA has already taken a decision to recognize the CAP in terms of the order dated 21st September 2017 passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court and the said decision has not been stayed, there is no reason for not dealing with the CAP in the meantime. It was discussed that there is a requirement to do lot of preparatory work involving the concerned association for organization of matches, etc. and this should not be kept on hold until the Hon'ble Supreme Court adjudicates on the challenge made by the other 2 claimant associations to the COA's decision.
7. It was also discussed that it would not be fair to the CAP to exclude them from the upcoming domestic season, especially since the Hon'ble Supreme Court has not stayed the decision of the COA inducting the CAP as an Associate Member. However, it was made clear that whatever steps are taken will undoubtedly be subject to any orders that the Hon'ble Supreme Court may pass.
8. After some further discussion, the COA decided that an email may be sent to the CAP communicating that the BCCI will coordinate with them in relation to the upcoming domestic season on the basis that the CAP is an Associate Member of BCCI having right to field a team and compete in domestic tournaments including Ranji Trophy, subject to any orders that may be passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court on the applications challenging the COA's decision to induct the CAP as an Associate Member.

ITEM 2: IMPLEMENTATION OF REFORMS AND MATTERS RELATING THERETO

A. Discussion on Way Forward in relation to the Law Commission's Recommendation to bring BCCI under the Right to Information Act, 2005

1. The COA was informed that after the Law Commission's recommendation to bring BCCI under the ambit of the Right to Information Act, 2005 ("**RTI Act**"), persons are filing applications before different authorities seeking information relating to BCCI and the said authorities are, in turn, calling upon BCCI to furnish the said information.
2. Separately, the COA noted that one of the recommendations contained in the LC Report (which has not been modified by the Hon'ble Supreme Court) requires minutes of all meetings of BCCI to be put up on the website. It was noted that the minutes of meetings of various BCCI committees would record discussions which may relate to legal strategy and advice on the basis of which BCCI acts, which if disclosed may be detrimental to BCCI's interests in ongoing litigations. It was also noted that this issue would be even greater for meetings held a long time back because no one would have anticipated that BCCI may subsequently come under the RTI Act and be required to disclose copies of minutes of its internal meetings.

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3. After some further discussion, the COA decided that:
 - (a) The minutes of every meeting of every committee/ sub-committee and General Body of BCCI held after 30th January 2017 should be uploaded on the BCCI website after redacting any sensitive and/or confidential information contained therein, which redactions should be approved by the COA before being carried out.
 - (b) As and when BCCI receives any specific requests/ requisitions for disclosure of information from any authority under the RTI Act, the CEO should assess whether or not such disclosure should be made on a case by case basis and, if necessary, consult the COA before taking a decision as to whether the same should be disclosed.

B. Meetings of Various Committees of BCCI

1. The COA noted Paragraph 10 of the directions dated 15th March 2018 issued by the COA which states as follows:

“Notice of any meeting of any committee/ sub-committee or the General Body of the BCCI shall be issued only with the prior approval of the Committee of Administrators. While seeking such approval the convener of the relevant committee/ sub-committee and/or the Acting President/ Acting Secretary, as the case may be, shall also provide a draft notice and draft agenda for the proposed meeting as well as any related documents that are circulated and/or intended to be circulated to the persons/ members entitled to attend such meeting. The CEO shall be entitled to be present in any such meeting. All decisions taken during such meeting should be intimated by the Chairman of the meeting to the Committee of Administrators and the CEO in form of draft minutes of meeting as soon as possible after the said meeting. No decisions taken during such meeting shall be acted upon and/or implemented without the prior approval of the Committee of Administrators.”
2. The COA noted that a notice calling for a meeting of the New Area Development Programme (“NADP”) Committee on 27th May 2018 had been issued on 16th May 2018 without the COA’s prior approval. The COA also noted that even the existing Memorandum and Rules and Regulations of BCCI (“**Existing BCCI Constitution**”) does not mention the NADP Committee.
3. After some further discussion, the COA decided that:
 - (a) The COA shall send an email to the members of the NADP Committee communicating that the proposed meeting to be held on 27th May 2018 stands cancelled because of non-compliance with Paragraph 10 of the directions dated 15th May 2018 issued by the COA; and



- (b) The said email shall also state that the COA shall not henceforth approve and/or permit the convening of any committee/ sub-committee of BCCI that does not find mention in the Existing BCCI Constitution unless the COA is itself desirous of referring and/or eliciting the views of such committee/ sub-committee on a specific issue.

C. Affiliation of an Association from the State of Uttarakhand

1. The COA was informed that pursuant to the decisions taken during the COA meeting held on 2nd May 2018, the representation received from the United Cricket Association had been shared with the 3 other claimant associations. It was suggested that the COA should now fix a date for giving opportunity of hearing to all the 4 claimant associations from the State of Uttarakhand.
2. After some discussion, the COA decided that a hearing should be fixed on 18th June 2018 at New Delhi for hearing all the 4 claimant associations from the State of Uttarakhand.

D. Orders dated 3rd May 2018 and 4th May 2018 passed by the Hon'ble Bombay High Court regarding Telangana Cricket Association

1. The COA was informed that the Telangana Cricket Association ("TCA") had forwarded its written representation/ submission for the COA's consideration. Further, the Hyderabad Cricket Association ("HCA") had addressed an email dated 11th May 2018 seeking to be impleaded in this matter. Accordingly, the relevant material had been sent to the HCA to enable them to make appropriate representation but the written representation/ submission forwarded by the TCA is not being provided since it is intended that both the TCA and the HCA will be heard in the presence of each others' representatives.
2. The COA noted that vide the order dated 4th May 2018, the COA was directed to hear and decide the applications submitted by the TCA within a period of 6 weeks from the date of receipt of the order. Accordingly, it was discussed that the COA needs to fix a date for giving opportunity of hearing to the TCA and the HCA at the earliest.
3. After some discussion and keeping in mind the timelines stipulated by the Hon'ble Bombay High Court, the COA decided that a hearing should be fixed on 30th May 2018 at New Delhi.

E. Grievance raised by Association of Chhattisgarh Cricket in I. A. No. 110507 of 2017

1. The COA was informed that pursuant to the emails dated 9th April 2018 and 9th May 2018 addressed by the COA to the Chhattisgarh State Cricket Sangh ("CSCS"), the

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CSCS had provided its written submissions/ arguments in response to written submissions/ arguments provided by the Association of Chhattisgarh Cricket ("ACC"). It was suggested that the COA should now fix a date for giving opportunity of hearing to the ACC and the CSCS.

2. After some discussion, the COA decided that a hearing should be fixed on 30th May 2018 at New Delhi.

F. Way Forward in relation to Implementation of Recommendations by State Associations (including Elections)

1. The COA noted that the it's email dated 19th March 2018 regarding points for implementation by State Associations contained a clarification to the effect that:
 - (a) 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.
 - (b) 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. The COA then noted the numerous representations/ complaints received by Ms. Edulji from various former international players stating that:
 - (a) It should be made mandatory for all State Associations (including those which have only representatives of district associations or clubs as voting members in the General Body) to grant membership with voting rights to former international players hailing from the State because membership without voting rights is akin to no membership at all; and
 - (b) Even those State Associations which have individual members/ life members with voting rights are not granting membership to former international players hailing from the State.
3. The COA was informed that Senior Counsel had also expressed the view that it should be mandatory for all State Associations (including those which have only representatives of district associations or clubs as voting members in the General Body) to grant membership with voting rights to former international players hailing from the State because membership without voting rights is akin to no membership at all.

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4. The COA noted that one of the suggestions made by the Learned Amicus Curiae in his submissions contemplates a direction by the Hon'ble Supreme Court that the affairs of each of the State Associations be administered by an administrator appointed by the concerned Hon'ble High Court till the time fresh, free, fair and untainted elections are conducted. The COA also noted that the said suggestion also refers to the fact that certain State Associations such as the Delhi and District Cricket Association ("DDCA"), the Hyderabad Cricket Association ("HCA"), the Jammu and Kashmir Cricket Association ("JKCA") and the Mumbai Cricket Association ("MCA") are already being administered by administrators that have been appointed by the concerned Hon'ble High Courts.
5. The COA noted that certain other State Associations have amended their respective constitutions/ bye-laws in terms of the checklist contained in the email dated 19th March 2018 and are now desirous of conducting elections in terms thereof because the tenure of their respective Governing Bodies/ Managing Committees is over.
6. The issue of whether it is even open for the COA to grant approval for a State Association to conduct elections in light of the aforementioned observations made by the Hon'ble Supreme Court during the hearing on 1st May 2018 was discussed. It was discussed that while the order dated 1st May 2018 does not mention anything about elections of State Associations, it would be more appropriate for the COA to err on the side of not granting approval for any State Association to conduct elections until the Hon'ble Supreme Court has finalized/ approved the draft BCCI constitution in terms of its judgments ("**New BCCI Constitution**"). At the same time, it was also discussed that if any Hon'ble High Court has already passed an order directing the amendment of a State Association's constitution and conduct of elections thereafter, it is not open for the COA to issue a direction to the contrary. In such cases, it would be up to the respective court-appointed administrators of the relevant State Association to either proceed as per the existing orders passed by the concerned Hon'ble High Court or apply to the said Hon'ble High Court for modification of the relevant orders.
7. After some further discussion, the COA decided that it will send an email to all State Associations communicating that:
 - (a) It is mandatory for all State Associations (including those which have only representatives of district associations or clubs as voting members in the General Body) to grant membership with voting rights to former international players (men and women) hailing from the State;
 - (b) Membership with voting rights should be granted to former international players (men and women) hailing from the State prior to conduct of elections such that they shall be entitled to vote in the said elections. A list of all such former international players (men and women) who have been granted membership with voting rights shall be provided to the COA and put up on the



website of the State Association prior to finalization of the electoral roll of the State Association by the electoral officer so that any former international players (men and women) who may have been missed out have an opportunity to have their name included therein;

- (c) It would not be appropriate for any State Association (including any State Association that has or may hereafter be declared compliant for the purpose of receiving funds from BCCI in terms of the orders dated 7th October 2016 and 21st October 2016 passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court) to conduct elections until the New BCCI Constitution is finalized/ approved by the Supreme Court and an administrator is appointed by the concerned High Court to administer the affairs of the said State Association pending elections;
- (d) Notwithstanding the above, in relation to DDCA, HCA, JKCA and MCA, the respective administrators will be entitled to proceed as per the orders passed by the concerned Hon'ble High Courts regarding conduct of elections but are requested to remain in charge of the affairs of the relevant State Association until the New BCCI Constitution is finalized/ approved by the Hon'ble Supreme Court (in the event further changes to the respective constitutions/ bye-laws of that State Association become necessary on account of such finalization/ approval); and
- (e) Where the term/ tenure of the current office bearers of a State Association is over and/or elections are due, the concerned Hon'ble High Court may be approached either by the said State Association itself and/or any member thereof for appointment of an administrator to administer the affairs of the said State Association pending elections.

G. Compliance by Odisha Cricket Association

1. The COA was informed that the resolution dated 10th March 2018 passed during the AGM of the Odisha Cricket Association ("OCA") as well as the affidavit filed by Mr. Dhiren Pallai, Chairman of the OCA Working Committee and Vice-President of the OCA appears to be in line with the orders dated 7th October 2016 and 21st October 2016 passed by the Supreme Court despite the fact that Mr. Dhiren Pallai is not the President of the OCA.
2. The COA was informed that the OCA has informed BCCI as far back as on 7th February 2017 of the fact that a working committee of the OCA with Mr. Dhiren Pallai as its Chairman was formed on ad hoc basis on 5th February 2017. Vide subsequent letter dated 1st March 2017 (in response to COA communication dated 22nd February 2017 addressed to all State Associations), Mr. Pallai had also explained that this working committee had to be formed on account of the office bearers of the

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OCA having had to demit office pursuant to the order dated 2nd January 2017 passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

3. After some further discussion, the COA decided that the OCA may be declared as compliant for the purpose of receiving funds from BCCI.

H. Letter dated 7th May 2018 from Chandigarh Sports Council

1. The COA was informed that the Chandigarh Sports Council has addressed a letter dated 7th May 2018 (which was received on 11th May 2018) requesting that the request of the U. T. Cricket Association for affiliation should be considered and allowed.
2. The COA was informed that while the LC Report states that Puducherry from among the Union Territories should be inducted by BCCI as an Associate Member which will retain rights to field a team and compete, it leaves it to the discretion of BCCI as to whether the Union Territories (meaning Union Territories other than Puducherry) would field individual or combined teams for tournaments. It was suggested that the COA should see if there are any other associations from the Union Territory of Chandigarh that have written to BCCI seeking affiliation and take a decision only after hearing all interested parties.
3. After some further discussion, the COA decided that it should be ascertained whether there is any existing report of the Affiliation Committee relating to Chandigarh and, if yes, which are the associations mentioned in the said report.

ITEM 4: CRICKETING MATTERS

A. Proposed Letter of Intent between BCCI and United Nations Environment Programme

1. The COA was informed that the United Nations Environment Programme ("UNEP") has approached BCCI with a request for BCCI's co-operation for promotion of green cricket and cricketing activities in India. For this purpose, the UNEP had communicated that it would like to enter into a Letter of Intent followed by a formal agreement between UNEP and BCCI at a later stage.
2. The draft Letter of Intent ("LOI") proposed to be executed between BCCI and the United Nations Environment Programme was placed before the COA.
3. After some discussion, the COA approved the LOI subject to certain changes being incorporated therein.

B. Update on Asia Cup 2018

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1. The COA was informed that vide letter dated 4th March 2018, the Emirates Cricket Board (“ECB”) has sent an invitation to BCCI to organise the Asia Cup 2018 in the United Arab Emirates (“UAE”). The COA was also informed that BCCI would only be hosting the said tournament and that the costs of the same would be borne by the Asian Cricket Council (“ACC”).
2. CAM Team pointed out that when BCCI had conducted IPL 2009 in South Africa, there were various regulatory issues under the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 (“FEMA”) relating to the agreement between BCCI and Cricket South Africa (“CSA”) on account of which proceedings before the Enforcement Directorate are still pending. CAM Team advised that BCCI should engage a consultant/ advisor who specializes in FEMA-related issues at a stage prior to entering into any agreement with the ECB so that the same is fully compliant from a regulatory perspective.
3. After some further discussion, the COA decided that BCCI should take the assistance of an appropriate consultant/ advisor while making preparations to put in place the necessary agreements/ arrangements for the Asia Cup 2018 and then place the same before the COA.

At this juncture, the COA decided that it would take up the other cricketing matters once the General Manager (Cricket Operations) joins the meeting.

ITEM 5: ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

A. Lease of Delhi Office

The COA noted that a decision to the effect that BCCI should not presently obtain any office premises in New Delhi had already been taken during the COA meeting held on 2nd May 2018.

The CFO joined the meeting via tele conference. Accordingly, the COA decided to take up Finance Matters before taking up the remaining matters.

ITEM 6: FINANCE MATTERS

A. Travel Allowance/ Daily Allowance for Employees based at the National Cricket Academy

1. The COA was informed that BCCI has certain permanent employees on its rolls who are stationed at the National Cricket Academy (“NCA”) in Bangalore. The COA was also informed that the Travel Allowance/ Daily Allowance (“TA/ DA”) that these employees are getting is only Rs. 2,000/- per day whereas employees at stationed at BCCI headquarters in Mumbai get TA/ DA of Rs. 5,000/- per day as well as incidental expenses of Rs. 5,000 per trip. It was recommended that the employees

stationed at the NCA should get the same TA/ DA as employees stationed at BCCI HQ.

2. The COA enquired about the reason for the aforementioned difference in TA/DA and was informed that the records of BCCI do not contain any recorded reason for the said difference in TA/DA.
3. After some further discussion, the COA decided that the TA/ DA and other travel benefits for employees stationed at the NCA should be revised to bring it at par with those applicable for employees stationed at BCCI headquarters with effect from 18th May 2018.

B. Request for Funds by certain State Associations from the North-Eastern States

1. The COA was informed that certain State Associations from the North-Eastern States have requested for funds to purchase cricketing equipment like pitch covers, etc.
2. After some further discussion, the COA decided that:
 - (a) those State Associations which have sought funds to purchase cricketing equipment should be asked to provide details/ particulars of the equipment required; and
 - (b) once the above details/ particulars are received, BCCI can centrally procure the required equipment and supply the same to the concerned State Associations after necessary verification.

At this juncture, the COA decided to take up an item pertaining to the North-Eastern States under 'Any Other Matter'.

ITEM 7: ANY OTHER MATTER

A. Indoor Cricket Academies in Shillong and Dimapur

1. The COA was informed that BCCI has earlier sanctioned 2 indoor academies in the North-East – one in Shillong (Meghalaya) and the other in Dimapur (Nagaland), which indoor academies are now at different stages of readiness. He informed the COA that while the plans and sanctions for the indoor academy at Shillong are ready and construction for the same can be commenced soon, there have been certain delays in relation to the sanctions and plans for the indoor academy at Dimapur. It was recommended that construction of the said indoor academies should be de-linked from each other so that construction of the indoor academy at Shillong can commence without waiting for the sanctions and plans for the indoor academy at Dimapur to be ready.



2. After some discussion, the COA decided that the construction of the indoor academy at Shillong need not await receipt of sanctions and plans for the indoor academy at Dimapur.

At this juncture, the COA decided that since there is only one remaining item under Administrative Matters, it will take up the same before other remaining items.

ITEM 5: ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS (CONTINUED)

B. Appraisals

Ms. Kripalani and Ms. Chhabra recused themselves and left the meeting. Mr. Adarsh Saxena also left the meeting.

1. The COA was informed that it is time for carrying out appraisals for BCCI employees to determine increments for the year 2018-2019. The process which was followed during the previous year and the process intended to be followed this year were discussed.
2. After some further discussion, the COA decided that:
 - (a) the band/ range for annual increment for employees would be 15% to 20%.
 - (b) the CEO should intimate the heads of departments of the above band/ range and request them to place the actual numbers recommended for each employee, which shall be placed before the COA at the next meeting; and
 - (c) the CEO should also request the heads of departments to recommend promotions (where applicable) in respect of any member of the concerned department.

Ms. Karina Kripalani, Ms. Prabhjyot Chhabra and Mr. Adarsh Saxena joined the meeting.

The COA decided that it would now take up the remaining Cricketing Matters and requested that Mr. Saba Karim and Mr. Gaurav Saxena be asked to join the meeting.

ITEM 4: CRICKETING MATTERS (CONTINUED)

C. Vendors for BCCI

1. The COA was informed that MJunction Services Limited (“**Mjunction**”) has provided a concept note to BCCI for conducting a study to reduce procurement cost



and time by using online reverse auction for all the major services that BCCI currently obtains from various vendors. This includes airline bookings, ground transport, accommodation, etc. The purpose of this study is to assess whether an e-auction is possible for all these services and whether it will help in BCCI obtaining these services at more competitive rates.

2. The COA was also informed that Mjunction has, at this stage, only submitted a proposal to conduct a study and submit a report at no cost to BCCI. The purpose of the report is to provide the basis for BCCI to take a decision. At that stage, it is not necessary for BCCI to necessarily engage Mjunction.
3. The COA was further informed that BCCI will be entering into a Non-Disclosure Agreement with Mjunction as the information that Mjunction will need to conduct the study is BCCI's proprietary information.
4. After some further discussion, the COA decided that BCCI may permit Mjunction to conduct a study to reduce procurement cost and time by using online reverse auction for all the major services that BCCI currently obtains from various vendors provided that:
 - (a) The study is at no cost to BCCI;
 - (b) BCCI does not give any commitment to necessarily engage Mjunction in future; and
 - (c) BCCI enters into a Non-Disclosure Agreement with Mjunction.

Mr. Saba Karim and Mr. Gaurav Saxena joined the meeting.

The COA decided that it will first consider a matter arising out of the minutes of the COA meeting held on 25th April 2018, namely the recommendations of the Technical Committee pursuant to its meeting held on 16th April 2018.

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B. Item 4(E) of the Minutes of Meeting dated 25th April 2018 – Recommendations of the Technical Committee pursuant to its Meeting held on 16th April 2018 (Continued)

1. The COA referred to the discussions during the COA meeting held on 25th April 2018 and noted certain observations of Mr. Saba Karim thereon.



2. The COA discussed the decision taken by the COA at Item 4(E)(1) (Ranji Trophy Format for 2018-2019 Season) in light of the difficulty of accommodating all teams in just 3 groups. The option of there being at least 4 groups was discussed and two alternative options for the Ranji Trophy format for the 2018-2019 season were discussed.
3. The inclusion of teams from Mizoram, Uttarakhand and Puducherry in Ranji Trophy (as indicated by the COA earlier) was also discussed. It was noted that the LC Report has left it to BCCI's discretion whether, for the purposes of expediency and convenience, the teams representing the States of the North East should be combined.
4. After some further discussion, the COA decided that Mr. Karim should work out a detailed structure/ calendar for the 2018-2019 domestic season including the intended venues and dates for the number of matches that will be required so that the specific logistical difficulties emerge and can thereafter be addressed in the best possible manner.

At this juncture, the COA decided to discuss an item under 'Any Other Matter'.

ITEM 7: ANY OTHER MATTER (CONTINUED)

Mr. Saba Karim left the meeting.

C. Day/ Night Test Matches

1. The COA observed that there are certain media reports to the effect that the Chief Executives' Committee ("CEC") of the International Cricket Council ("ICC") has decided that it will be the prerogative of the host country to decide the format of the Test Match to be played (i.e. traditional Test Match or Day/ Night Test Match). The COA enquired whether there is any substance in these media reports.
2. The COA was informed that while a suggestion had been made during the relevant meeting of the ICC CEC to the effect that it should be the prerogative of the host country to decide the format of the Test Match to be played (i.e. traditional Test Match or Day/ Night Test Match), the CEO along with various other representatives had clearly objected to the said suggestion and made it clear that the format has to be decided by mutual consent between the host country as well as the visiting country.
3. The COA was also informed that in any event the ICC CEC can only make a recommendation on this issue and the said recommendation will be taken up at the next meeting of the ICC Technical Committee that is scheduled to be held later in the month.
4. The COA took note of the above.



The COA then decided to take up the remaining Cricketing Matters.

Mr. Saba Karim joined the meeting.

ITEM 4: CRICKETING MATTERS (CONTINUED)

D. Hosting Fee for Matches of India 'A' Team , Women's India team, India Under-19 and Domestic Matches

1. The COA was informed that as per the existing BCCI policy/ rules, State Associations that host International Matches played by the Senior Men's Team are paid the following fixed hosting fees:

Particulars	Hosting Fee
Test Match	Rs. 2,50,00,000/-
ODI	Rs. 1,50,00,000/-
T20	Rs. 1,50,00,000

2. The COA was also informed that as per the existing BCCI policy/ rules, State Associations that host matches played by the India 'A' Team, the Under-19 Team and the Women's Team as well as warm-up matches and domestic matches are paid a fixed hosting fee of Rs. 1,00,000 and are also reimbursed the actual expenses incurred by the relevant State Association towards security, housekeeping, transport, catering, medical expenses towards ambulances/ doctors, procurement of chairs, pandals, fans, TV, etc., wifi charges, transportation of umpires, referees, BCCI officials, airport transfers, etc., Anti-Corruption and Security Unit ("ACSU") set up, accreditation, broadcasting requirements, temporary dressing room set up, etc.
3. The COA was then informed that on account of the policy/ rule which provided for reimbursement of actual expenses, there is considerable difference in the amounts that BCCI actually pays to different State Associations for similar matches because some State Associations spend more and some spend less. Therefore, it was recommended that there should be a uniform policy for payment of fixed hosting fees (instead of reimbursement of actual expenses) to the State Associations for matches played by the India 'A' Team, the Under-19 Team and the Women's Team as well as warm-up matches and domestic matches as follows:

Particulars	Hosting Fee
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4 multi day matches	Rs. 25,00,000/-
3 multi day matches	Rs. 20,00,000/-
2 multi day matches	Rs. 15,00,000/-
ODI/T20 per game	Rs. 10,00,000/-
D/N / ODI / T20 per game	Rs. 12,00,000/-
Domestic matches which are broadcast live	Rs. 3,00,000/-
Domestic matches which are not broadcast live	Rs. 1,50,000/-

4. It was also pointed out that in addition to the above amounts, the existing fixed hosting fee of Rs. 1,00,000/- would also continue to be paid but there would be no reimbursement of actual expenses incurred by the State Association over and above the aforesaid amounts.
5. The pros and cons of having a fixed hosting fee versus reimbursing actual expenses were discussed.
6. The COA's attention was drawn to the discussions during the COA meeting held on 27th February 2018 at Item 5(K) – Financial Assistance to State Associations for Hosting Women's International Matches and it was pointed out that during discussion under the said Item, the COA had 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. The COA noted that in order to maintain consistency, the COA had decided that BCCI should reimburse actual expenses incurred by the State Associations for hosting Women's International matches and debit such reimbursed amount against the relevant State Association's share of amount due to association, unless the Finance Committee decides otherwise.
7. On the above basis, it was suggested that since the recommendations now being made to the COA envisage a change in policy, it would be appropriate for the Finance Committee to present its views on the proposal prior to any decision in this regard being taken by the COA. In the meantime, as per the existing BCCI policy/ rule, the BCCI can continue reimbursing the actual expenses incurred by the State Associations for hosting such matches and debit the amount reimbursed against the relevant State Associations' share of amount due to association.

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8. It was pointed out to the COA that the reimbursement of expenses incurred by the State Associations for hosting such matches is over and above the State Associations' share of amount due to association. In view thereof, it was noted that the decision taken by the COA on 27th February 2018 insofar as it requires the reimbursed amount to be debited against the relevant State Association's share of amount due to association should be corrected.
9. After some further discussion, the COA decided that:
 - (a) BCCI should continue to pay State Associations Rs. 1,00,000/- as fixed hosting fee and reimburse the actual expenses incurred by State Associations for hosting matches played by the India 'A' Team, the Under-19 Team and the Women's Team as well as warm-up matches and domestic matches as per the existing BCCI policy/ rules;
 - (b) As per the existing BCCI policy/ rules, such reimbursed amount as above should not be debited against the relevant State Association's share of amount due to association and the decision taken during the COA meeting held on 27th February 2018 (Item 5(K)) stands corrected so as to remove the requirement of such debit in respect of Women's International Matches; and
 - (c) The proposal to replace the existing policy/ rules relating to reimbursement of actual expenses incurred by State Associations for hosting matches played by the India 'A' Team, the Under-19 Team and the Women's Team as well as warm-up matches and domestic matches with an enhanced fixed hosting fee should be referred to the Finance Committee for its views.

E. Advisory to State Associations for Hosting T20 State Cricket Association Tournaments

1. The COA was informed that various State Associations have expressed interest in conducting T20 tournaments within their respective jurisdictions. However, there are no uniform guidelines for the regulation of such T20 tournaments. He further informed the COA that there are already some such T20 tournaments/ leagues being organised by certain State Associations but there is no uniformity in the manner in which the same are being conducted. Further, some State Associations have themselves requested for guidelines to be issued by BCCI for the conduct of such T20 tournaments/ leagues. Accordingly, a draft of the said guidelines had been prepared and is being presented to the COA.
2. The COA noted that the need for such guidelines had been felt sometime last year when the Tamil Nadu Premier League ("TNPL") had questioned BCCI's directive of including outstation players in the said tournament. It was suggested that the Legal



Team should examine the draft guidelines. It was also suggested that the draft guidelines include a provision which requires State Associations to seek approval well in advance of the start of the proposed tournament so that there is sufficient time for BCCI to assess compliance.

3. After some further discussion, the COA decided that the BCCI management should review the draft guidelines and thereafter circulate the same to the COA for approval.

F. Team Manager for India 'A' and India Under-19 Teams

1. The COA referred to the decision taken by the COA during the meeting held on 8th and 9th August 2017 (Item 5J) to the effect that there need not be a full-time Team Manager for these teams and the employees of BCCI can be appointed as the Team Managers for the India 'A' Team and the India Under-19 Team as and when required for specific tours.
2. Given that certain tours of the India 'A' Team and the India Under-19 Team are coming up, the following recommendations were made for appointment as Team Managers to handle the logistics and administrative work of the respective teams:
 - (a) Mr. Manuj Sharma for the India 'A' Team's tour of England; and
 - (b) One of the employees from the Cricket Operations Department for the India Under-19 Team's tour of Sri Lanka.
3. After some discussion, the COA decided that:
 - (a) Mr. Manuj Sharma may be appointed as the Team Manager for the India 'A' Team's tour of England; and
 - (b) The General Manager (Cricket Operations) may appoint one of the employees from the Cricket Operations Department (at his discretion based on their individual workloads at the relevant time) as Team Manager for the India Under-19 Team's tour of Sri Lanka.

G. Consequences for Players who Violate Age Verification Rules for BCCI Tournaments

1. The COA was informed that instances of players submitting false/ tampered birth certificates as part of the age verification process for BCCI tournaments. The COA was also informed that the consequences of such conduct are merely a one season ban for the concerned player from all BCCI tournaments. It was recommended that the ban from all BCCI tournaments should be increased to two seasons. It was also recommended that submitting false/ tampered birth certificates is a criminal offence

and BCCI should also consider taking appropriate criminal action against persons who indulge in such conduct.

2. It was discussed that an increase in the duration of the ban would act as an effective deterrent against persons who indulged in submitting false/ tampered birth certificates. It was also discussed that there should be a proper enquiry mechanism/ process for arriving at a finding that a player has submitted false/ tampered birth certificates before a ban is imposed.
3. After some further discussion, the COA decided that:
 - (a) Players who are found (after a proper enquiry) to have submitted false/ tampered birth certificates will be banned from all BCCI tournaments for two seasons; and
 - (b) In addition to the above, BCCI may also initiate criminal action against the concerned player and/or any other person responsible for submitting false/ tampered birth certificates.

H. Task Force for the North-Eastern States

1. The COA was informed that during the meeting held on 12th April 2018 (Item 4(M)), the COA had directed the General Manager (Cricket Operations) to formulate a concrete proposal regarding the terms of reference of the proposed task force for the North-Eastern States ("**Task Force**") and place the same before the COA. Accordingly, the following proposal was placed before the COA:
 - (a) Members of the proposed Task Force:
 - (i) Mr. K. V. P. Rao – AGM Cricket Operations (Head – Task Force)
 - (ii) Saradindu Mukherjee – Former International Player/ Level 2 coach ECB
 - (iii) Rajib Dutta – NCA Level C coach and NCA Faculty member
 - (iv) Ashish Bhowlick – curator
 - (v) Anant Datar – Assistant Manager – Game Development NE
 - (b) Scope of Work:
 - (i) Formulate plans and devise methods for the improvement of cricket in the region;
 - (ii) Advise BCCI on infrastructure development in the region;
 - (iii) Inform BCCI about the current status of infrastructural work in the region;



- (iv) Co-ordinate with local State Associations for conducting domestic cricketing activities in the region;
 - (v) Assist the national selectors/ State selectors in team selection, as and when required; and
 - (vi) Plan and conduct educational courses for umpires, strength and conditioning, physio, curators and coaches.
- 2. The COA was requested to approve the composition and scope of work of the Task Force to enable commencement work at the earliest.
- 3. After some discussion, the COA approved the composition and scope of work of the Task Force.

I. Recruitment at the National Cricket Academy

- 1. The COA was informed that the National Cricket Academy (“NCA”) requires a Physiotherapist as well as a Strength and Conditioning Coach. It was recommended that recruitment to fill these positions may be undertaken through Randstad India Private Limited (“**Randstad**”), which has already been engaged by BCCI in respect of the positions of Inventory Manager – NCA, Human Resources Manager and Marketing Manager at a cost of Rs. 4,50,000/- in terms of the decision taken during the COA meeting held on 12th April 2018.
- 2. It was that these positions will be filled by inviting applications through advertisements on the BCCI website and that the role of Randstad will be to assist in scrutinizing the applications that BCCI will receive in response to the said advertisements.
- 3. After some further discussion, the COA decided that:
 - (a) Separate advertisements inviting applications for the position of a Physiotherapist as well as for the position of a Strength and Conditioning Coach to be based at the NCA should be put up on the BCCI website; and
 - (b) Once the deadline for submitting applications has expired, a decision can be taken on whether the assistance of Randstad in scrutinizing the same is required based on the number of applications received.

J. Task Force for the State of Bihar

- 1. The COA’s attention was invited to the decision taken during the COA meeting held on 12th April 2018 to the effect that the issues relating to cricket in the State of Bihar should be dealt with independently from the issues relating to cricket in the North-Eastern States. In view thereof, it was recommended that a separate task force for the



State of Bihar be set up along the lines of the Task Force (for the North-Eastern States).

2. It was discussed that the earlier decision taken by the COA on 12th April 2018 had been taken on the basis that there is a specific order dated 4th January 2018 passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court directing that the State of Bihar shall be eligible to participate in the Ranji Trophy and similar such competitions. However, now that the COA had decided that all the North-Eastern States as well as teams from Puducherry, Uttarakhand and Mizoram shall also participate in the Ranji Trophy and other BCCI domestic tournaments, the basis of having a separate task force for the State of Bihar may no longer hold good.
3. It was discussed that the BCA should be asked to provide a list of the equipment and other requirements for effectively participating in Ranji Trophy and other BCCI domestic tournaments and consider allocating funds for this purpose since as per the current fund disbursement policy of BCCI, Bihar does not receive any share of amount due to association because it is not a Full Member.
4. After some further discussion, the COA decided that:
 - (a) The scope of the Task Force for the North-Eastern States (approved at Item 4(H) above) should be expanded to include Bihar, Puducherry and Uttarakhand; and
 - (b) The General Manager (Cricket Operations) can reach out to and ask the BCA to submit a list of equipment and other requirements for effectively participating in Ranji Trophy and other BCCI domestic tournaments so that the COA can take a decision on how best to assist the BCA financially for this purpose.

K. Update on Other Cricketing Matters

(1) APPOINTMENT OF MASSEUR FOR THE WOMEN'S TEAM:

1. The COA was informed that feedback has been obtained from the Women's Team and it was recommended that Ms. Rashmi Pawar be appointed as masseur for the Women's Team for the period 1 May 2018 till 30 July 2019.
2. The COA took note of the above.

(2) JOB DESCRIPTIONS FOR NEW COACHES:



1. The COA was informed that job descriptions have been prepared for inclusion in the respective advertisements inviting applications for (i) coaches to be based at the NCA; and (ii) a bowling coach for the Women's Team.
2. The issue of whether the bowling coach for the Women's Team should be a pace bowling coach or a spin bowling coach was discussed.
3. After some discussion, the COA decided that the General Manager (Cricket Operations) can discuss the issue of whether the bowling coach for the Women's Team should be a pace bowling coach or a spin bowling coach with the team management and thereafter finalize the job description to be included in the advertisement inviting applications for a bowling coach for the Women's Team.

(3) MAK PATAUDI MEMORIAL LECTURE:

1. The COA was informed that Mr. Kevin Pietersen has been confirmed for delivering the MAK Pataudi Memorial Lecture during this year's BCCI Annual Awards function.
2. The COA took note of the above.

(4) BCCI ANNUAL AWARDS:

1. The COA was informed that confirmation is awaited from the Acting Secretary and the Acting President in relation to the recommendations for the BCCI Annual Awards.
2. The COA took note of the above.

(5) BCCI BEST PITCH AWARD:

1. The COA's attention was drawn to the decision taken during the COA meeting held on 12th April 2018 to the effect that BCCI should ask each of the State Associations who are intended to be rewarded for best pitch in each zone) for a list of persons who have assisted in pitch preparation along with their respective designations/ roles so that a proper mechanism can be formulated for ensuring that each of them are suitably rewarded.
2. The COA was informed that in terms of the above decision, an email requesting for details of the concerned persons to whom the amounts could be disbursed had been sent to the concerned State Association. The COA was also informed that while the Chhattisgarh State Cricket Sangh had responded positively, the Punjab Cricket Association had raised an objection to changing the mechanism for disbursement of



the award amount and expressed the view that the entire amount should be disbursed to the concerned State Association only.

3. The COA took note of the above and decided that it will await feedback from the remaining concerned State Associations (i.e. Karnataka State Cricket Association, Mumbai Cricket Association and Cricket Association of Bengal) before taking a decision on this issue.

Mr. Saba Karim and Mr. Gaurav Saxena left the meeting.

L. Meeting with the Working Group for Cricket Players' Association

Mr. G. K. Pillai, Mr. Anshuman Gaekwad, Mr. Kapil Dev, Mr. Bharath Reddy and Mr. Nandan Kamath joined the meeting. It was noted that Ms. Shanta Rangaswamy had communicated her inability to attend the meeting.

1. At the outset, the COA appreciated the efforts that the Working Group has taken and continues to take towards establishing the Cricket Players' Association ("CPA"). It was noted that the formal re-constitution of the Steering Committee (on account of certain original named members thereof being unable to be part of the same) is pending before the Hon'ble Supreme Court.
 2. Mr. Dev expressed the view that one of the reasons why the Working Group had requested for a meeting with the COA is to ensure that the COA and the members of the Working Group are on the same page in relation to the manner in which the re-constitution of the Steering Committee and, subsequently, the formation of the CPA should be proceeded with.
1. There was a detailed discussion on various issues pertaining to the CPA and the Model Code for the CPA contained in Annexure-B to the LC Report ("**Model CPA Code**"). The points on which further clarity/ confirmation is required were identified. The steps that need to be undertaken to establish the CPA were also discussed.
 2. After some further discussion, it was agreed that the Working Group will submit its recommendations to the COA for further discussion along with a list of the activities that need to be undertaken before the CPA can be established.

Mr. Gopal Pillai, Mr. Anshuman Gaekwad, Mr. Kapil Dev, Mr. Bharath Reddy and Mr. Nandan Kamath left the meeting.

M. Contract for Team Manager

1. The COA was informed that the contract of the team manager of Senior Men's Team expires in the middle of the team's tour to Ireland/ UK. The COA was also informed



that the team manager's contract contains a clause providing for extension. It was recommended that the contract be extended for a short period and thereafter, upon receipt of a report on his performance, the COA may consider extending the contract for a further period of 1 year.

2. It was discussed that the report on the performance of the team manager would be presented by the Head Coach of Team India. It was suggested that instead of a piece-meal extension of the contract, the Head Coach of Team India may be requested to provide his report before the team's tour of Ireland/ UK commences. Based on the said report, a decision can be taken on whether the contract should be extended for 1 year or only till the end of the Ireland/ UK tour. If the latter, preparations for commencing a process to appoint another manager can be started now itself.
3. After some further discussion, the COA decided that the CEO should address an email to the Head Coach of Team India seeking a report on the performance of the Team Manager of the Senior Men's Team.

ITEM 2: IMPLEMENTATION OF REFORMS AND MATTERS RELATING THERETO (CONTINUED)

H. Affiliation of an Association from the State of Uttarakhand

Mr. Anshuman Gaekwad joined the meeting.

1. Mr. Gaekwad was informed that the COA has been tasked with looking into the grievance made in an application made by the Uttarakhand Cricket Association ("UCA") seeking affiliation of an association from the State of Uttarakhand. In this regard, it had been noted that the Affiliation Committee had, vide its report dated 21st July 2016, recommended the setting up of an ad-hoc committee to look into this matter. There was a discussion on the following:
 - (a) The relevant criteria that the Affiliation Committee considers at the time of assessing the various associations from a State for grant of affiliation; and
 - (b) The reasons for the Affiliation Committee having made the recommendation for the setting up of an ad-hoc committee instead of selecting one of the four associations that find mention in the report dated 21st July 2016.
2. The COA thanked Mr. Gaekwad for his inputs.

Mr. Anshuman Gaekwad left the meeting.

I. Marketing of 2018-19 Season including Televised Day Matches



1. The COA was informed that, amongst the other marketing activities being undertaken, it is proposed that the domestic matches for the 2018-19 season be televised. Accordingly, it was recommended that a separate marketing budget be prepared and presented to the COA for approval.
2. After some further discussion, the COA decided that the budget may be prepared and put up at a subsequent meeting of the COA.

ITEM 7: ANY OTHER MATTER

D. Recruitment of an Assistant Manager to assist the CEO

After discussion, the COA decided that an advertisement (containing a job description) inviting applications for the position of 'Assistant Manager to the CEO' should be prepared and placed before the COA for approval.

E. Payment to Government of Goa on behalf of the Goa Cricket Association

1. The COA's attention was drawn to the fact that the Goa Cricket Association ("GCA") has informed BCCI that:
 - (a) the Government of Goa has, vide allotment order dated 12th January 2018, allotted some land on which the GCA proposes to build a stadium.
 - (b) The land will be leased by the Government of Goa to the GCA for a period of 33 years.
 - (c) The GCA would like to sign the lease agreement with the Government of Goa.
 - (d) In terms of the allotment order, the GCA is required to deposit Rs. 19 crores as guarantee amount in 2 instalments.
 - (e) GCA has already made payment of Rs. 8,53,68,915/- as advance to the Government of Goa, which will be adjusted towards payment of the first instalment amount of Rs. 9.5 crores.
 - (f) Balance amount of Rs. 96,31,085/- needs to be paid to the Government of Goa.
 - (g) GCA also needs to pay stamp duty and registration charges which amounts to Rs. 44.33 lakhs.
 - (h) Accordingly, the GCA has requested that an aggregate amount of Rs. 1,65,95,620/- (i.e. Rs. 1,40,64,085/- plus GST amounting to Rs. 25,31,535/-

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thereon) may be either disbursed to the GCA from accumulated funds or be paid directly to the Government of Goa on behalf of the GCA.

2. It was discussed that it would be consistent with the order dated 21st September 2017 passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court as well as the directions issued by the COA from time to time regarding disbursement of funds to make the necessary payment directly to the Government of Goa on behalf of GCA so that the allotment of land by the Government of Goa to the GCA is not cancelled and thereafter debiting the amount so paid against the GCA's share of amount due to association.
3. After some further discussion, the COA decided that an aggregate amount of Rs. 1,65,95,620/- as requested by the GCA may be paid directly to the Government of Goa by BCCI on behalf of the GCA and the amount so paid should be debited against the GCA's share of amount due to association.

F. Document Management System for BCCI

1. It was suggested that BCCI should consider putting in place a more efficient system of filing and retrieval of documents. The COA was informed that this suggestion is being made in the context of various legal matters for which required documents are either not available with BCCI in its records or take inordinately long to locate. It was pointed out that an efficient system of document management would also involve training all departments of BCCI in storing documents in a manner that can be easily retrieved based on subject matter.
2. The CEO said that he would look into the matter and consider whether an expression of interest can be issued for setting up such a system.

Meeting concluded.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'V. R.' with a stylized flourish at the end.