

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF ADMINISTRATORS
HELD ON 18TH MARCH 2019 AT HOTEL TRIDENT, MUMBAI**

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Ms. Diana Edulji
Lt. Gen. Ravindra Thodge
Mr. Rahul Johri – BCCI CEO
Mr. Santosh Rangnekar – BCCI CFO
Mr. Saba Karim - BCCI
Ms. Karina Kripalani – BCCI Legal Advisor
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Mr. Indranil Deshmukh (Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas)
Mr. Vineet Unnikrishnan (Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas)
Ms. Rachyeta Shah (Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas)

The Chairman stated that Legal matters may be taken up prior to the meeting with the Chairman of the International Cricket Council (“ICC”), which was scheduled at 10.00 am.

ITEM 3: LEGAL MATTERS

A. Matter relating to S. Sreesanth

1. The COA was informed that the Hon’ble Supreme Court has passed an order on 15th March 2019 in terms of which the life ban imposed on Sreesanth has been revoked and the Disciplinary Committee of the BCCI has been directed to re-assess the quantum of punishment for Sreesanth. As the Disciplinary Committee does not exist under the BCCI Constitution this function would have to be carried out by the Ombudsman. Therefore, it would be advisable to make an appropriate application to the Hon’ble Supreme Court informing about these facts.
2. After some discussion, the COA decided that the matter of re-assessment of the quantum of punishment to be imposed on Sreesanth, as directed by the order dated 15th March 2019 passed by the Hon’ble Supreme Court shall be referred to the BCCI Ombudsman. The Hon’ble Supreme Court is to be informed of the fact that the Disciplinary Committee does not exist under the new Constitution and that the function of re-assessment of quantum of punishment would have to be determined by the BCCI Ombudsman.

B. Request from Star India Private Limited

1. The COA’s attention was drawn to an email dated 14th March 2018 received from Star India Private Limited (“Star”) with a request to permit Star to place political advertisements in light of the upcoming general elections.

2. After further discussion, the COA decided that a response shall be sent to Star indicating that BCCI cannot accede to their request.

C. Charge Sheet against Md. Shami

1. Reference was made to the various news reports stating that a charge sheet has been filed against Mr. Md. Shami under Sections 354A and 498A of the Indian Penal Code. The COA was informed that these developments do not trigger any actions or steps that the BCCI can take against a player under the Central Players Contract or other Rules of the BCCI.
2. The COA took note of the above.

D. Representation from Maharashtra Cricket Association

1. The COA's attention was drawn to the letter dated 13th March 2019 received from Maharashtra Cricket Association ("MCA"), wherein the MCA has informed the BCCI that it is facing acute paucity of funds due to which they are unable to pay the dues to the bank amounting to approximately Rs. 24 crores. The association has also requested for the dues to the bank to be paid directly to the banks, to prevent the auction from taking place. The COA was informed that at the hearing before the Hon'ble Supreme Court on 14th March 2019, the MCA had informed the Hon'ble Supreme Court regarding the impending auction of the stadium. The Hon'ble Supreme Court has asked the COA to take steps to protect the stadium. It was pointed out to the COA that MCA has exhausted all the amounts due to it.
2. After some discussion, the COA decided to release the funds to the banks on behalf of MCA on the understanding that the same would be adjusted from the amounts due to MCA. The COA also decided that the fund disbursement policy should be re-considered by the COA along with the Learned Amicus Curiae. It was decided that BCCI could internally arrive at a broad policy, which can be thereafter placed before the Learned Amicus Curiae.

At this juncture, there was a break in order to enable the COA to have a separate meeting with the Chairman of the ICC.

After the break, the Acting Secretary, the Treasurer and the FEMA/ Tax Consultant joined the meeting.

ITEM 6: FINANCE MATTERS



A. Champions League T20 – Foreign Remittance to Cricket Australia/ Cricket South Africa

1. The COA was briefed on the matter by the FEMA / Tax Consultant and the recommended way forward was placed before the COA.
2. After some further discussion, based on the FEMA / Tax Consultant's advice, the COA decided that an appropriate communication shall be issued to the RBI for the writing off of the amount of Rs. 2.09 crores. showing in BCCI's books of accounts; and the FEMA / Tax Consultant should draft the communication and place it before the COA for review and approval.

The FEMA / Tax Consultant left the meeting.

Thereafter, the Acting Secretary and the Treasurer left the meeting.

ITEM 3: LEGAL MATTERS (CONTINUED)

E. Update on Way Forward pursuant to the Hon'ble Supreme Court's Order dated 14th March 2019

1. The COA was informed that upon the Learned Amicus Curiae's request, brief notes on each of the Interim Applications filed in the Hon'ble Supreme Court had been prepared and sent to the Learned Amicus Curiae, barring approximately 15 Interim Applications copies of which were not available.
2. The COA was also informed that detailed meetings were held with the Learned Amicus Curiae on 17th March 2019 on the Interim Applications. The COA took note of the same.

ITEM 4: IPL MATTERS

A. IPL Committees / Anti-Corruption Code

1. The COA was informed that in line with the discussions at the earlier meeting, the rules for the IPL will reflect that complaints received by the Code of Behaviour Committee will be investigated by the Code of Behaviour Committee, which will submit a report to the Ombudsman for adjudication.
2. The COA took note of this.
3. As regards the Technical Committee, The COA was requested to consider whether the BCCI can go ahead with a 2-member committee as the intended third member does not

want to continue as the member of IPL Technical Committee due to other commitments. The COA agreed with this.

Mr. Tufan Ghosh joined the meeting.

ITEM 7: ANY OTHER MATTERS

A. Women's IPL/ IPL Playoff Matches

1. The COA's attention was drawn to its previous decision on the format of the women's IPL i.e. 3 teams playing 4 matches. The COA was informed that the matter was discussed with the Head Coach and Selectors, who had recommended 27 players for the same. These 27 players would be distributed across the 3 teams, which will also have foreign player participation. The COA was also informed that under this format, there would be 4+1 foreign players as part of each team. The COA took note of the same.
2. With regard to the IPL Playoff Matches, the COA was informed that based on the past precedent the Winners and Runners up of last season host the play off matches, therefore Chennai will host the Q1 and Final and Hyderabad will host the Eliminator and Q2 matches. The COA was also informed that the Final will be played in Chennai subject to availability of 3 stands which stands are presently unavailable. The COA was informed that options on venues will be worked out based on the general election schedule and placed before it for consideration at the next COA meeting for playoffs and Women's matches.

B. Rajasthan Cricket Association

1. The COA was informed that BCCI needs to engage vendors for preparing certain facilities at the Sawai Man Singh Stadium ("**SMS Stadium**") at Jaipur for the IPL matches which are to be played there. The same need to be ready in time in view of the upcoming IPL matches to be played at the SMS Stadium. Rajasthan Cricket Association ("**RCA**") has an approved vendor list from which BCCI can hire vendors. However, there appear to be some internal disputes within the RCA regarding the approved vendor list.
2. Mr. Amin stated that BCCI needs to have the facilities ready in time in view of the upcoming IPL matches to be played at the SMS Stadium.
3. After some discussion, the COA expressed the view that BCCI's interests should not be affected by the internal disputes within the RCA and decided that BCCI will hire vendors for facilities relating to RCA from the approved list of vendors.



Mr. Gaurav Saxena joined the meeting.

ITEM 5: CRICKETING MATTERS

A. Vacancies at the National Cricket Academy

1. The COA was informed that the following positions are lying vacant at the National Cricket Academy (“NCA”). The BCCI had not yet proceeded with hiring for any positions pursuant to the COA’s direction in this regard. The COA was informed that there are 27 training camps, most of which are held at the NCA. Further, there are many players who come to the NCA for rehabilitation. Coaches go to observe matches during off-season. To conduct these activities, the following positions would need to be filled, specifically the coaching positions:
 - (a) Fast Bowling Coach
 - (b) Head Education (Cricket and Sports Science)
 - (c) Head Cricket Coach
 - (d) NCA Strength and Conditioning Coach
 - (e) Physiotherapist
 - (f) Batting Coach
2. After some discussion, the COA approved the commencement of the recruitment process for (i) Fast Bowling Coach; (ii) Head of Education (Cricket and Sports Science); (iii) Head Cricket Coach – NCA; (iv) NCA Strength and Conditioning Coach (v) Physiotherapist; (vi) Batting Coach.
3. Further, it was suggested to the COA that a Head Cricket Coach may be appointed at the NCA to whom all the other coaches at the NCA would report. The Head Cricket Coach would oversee all coaching related activities at the NCA. The COA decided that the process to be followed for the appointment of a Head Cricket Coach at the NCA would be through the CAC on the basis of applications received for the position.

B. Terms of Reference – Cricket Advisory Committee

1. The COA decided that the recruitment of the Head – Coach for the NCA, with the designation as may be finalised, will be included in the draft terms of reference for the CAC.

C. NCA Calendar for 2019 – 2020

1. The COA was informed that as per the calendar worked out for the year 2019 – 2020 for the NCA, cricketing activities are to commence from 10th April 2019. There are some vacancies for Cricket Positions at NCA which need to be filled.

2. After some discussion, the COA decided that for the cricketing activities at the NCA for the year 2019 – 2020, camp specific recruitments for the cricket positions can be carried out.

D. Contract for Support Staff of Team India, India 'A' and India Under-19 Teams

1. In continuation of the discussion at the meeting on 7th March 2019, the COA was informed that the contracts for the support staff of Team India, India 'A' and India Under-19 Teams are to expire after the World Cup.
2. After some discussion, the COA decided that the contracts for the support staff can be extended by 45 days on an ad hoc basis and that interviews of the support staff should be conducted after the World Cup.

ITEM 7: ANY OTHER MATTERS (CONTINUED)

C. One Time Payment to Team India Support Staff

1. The COA was informed that the support staff for Team India (Senior Men) has requested for a monetary reward for the recent win in the Australia series.
2. After some discussion, the COA decided that the support staff shall be provided a one-time payment of Rs. 15 lakhs each for the Australia win, except Mr. Yogesh Parmar and Mr. Nuwan Senevirathne, who shall be provided Rs. 5 lakhs each as they have joined the team recently. Further, BCCI shall draft a policy in relation to such monetary rewards for the team and support staff, and place the same for COA's approval.

D. Future Tours Program

1. The COA was informed that BCCI has received an email dated March 06, 2019 from the West Indies Cricket Board ("WICB") in relation to upcoming tournaments between India and West Indies. COA was further informed that usually India plays 9 matches with the West Indies, i.e. 3 T20Is, 3 ODIs and 3 Test Matches. However, the Future Tours Program ("FTP") had undergone a change last year, pursuant to which India and West Indies will only be playing 2 Test Matches. West Indies wants to play an additional T20I match in West Indies.
2. The COA was also informed that the WICB also wants 2 out of 3 T20Is matches to be played in Miami and has sought BCCI's consent for the same.



3. After some discussion, the COA decided that BCCI should write back to the WICB intimating them that:
 - (a) BCCI is not agreeable to the WICB's suggestion of playing an additional T20I match;
 - (b) BCCI is agreeable to the WICB's suggestion of playing two of the three T20I matches in Miami provided that these are scheduled at the start of the series.

E. Email from Cricket Australia

1. The COA was informed that as per the pre-decided schedule, India is to play with Australia 3 ODIs at home. However, the CEO of Cricket Australia has sent an email dated March 13, 2019 in relation to the above and requested that the 3 ODIs be played in March 2020 instead. It was pointed out to the COA that if BCCI agrees to this, it may affect the 15 day window before the IPL season. The COA was informed that the team would also prefer to stick with the pre-decided schedule.
2. After some further discussion, the COA decided that Cricket Australia may be informed that their request for the change in schedule for the ODIs cannot be acceded to.

F. ICC World Cup Medical Workshop

1. The COA was informed that the ICC organises a medical workshop in light of the upcoming ICC World Cup. BCCI is required to send 2 persons for this workshop. The names of Mr. Abhijit Salvi and Mr. Patrick Farhart were proposed to be sent for the same.
2. After some discussion, the COA approved the names of the aforesaid persons to be sent for the medical workshop.

G. Recruitment of Project Manager – Digital and New Media Manager (IPL and BCCI)

1. Reference was made to the discussions at the COA meeting held on 7th March 2019 in relation to the recruitment of Project Manager – Digital and New Media Manager and the COA was informed that an offer has been extended to Mr. Sidhesh Surve. However, Mr. Surve has requested for a revision in the remuneration payable to him.
2. After some discussion, the COA approved the request made by Mr. Surve and stated that a revised offer may be extended to him.



H. Issues relating to Mr. Mayank Parikh

1. The COA was informed that upon a formal complaint being received from the Team Manager, Mr. Mayank Parikh has been removed from team India (Senior Men) facing activities.
2. After some further discussion, the COA decided that the management can take appropriate action as deemed necessary.

ITEM 1: CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF ADMINISTRATORS HELD ON 11TH SEPTEMBER 2018 AND RELATED MATTERS.

The COA approved the minutes of the meeting held on 11th September 2018.

ITEM 6: FINANCE MATTERS

A. Approval for Final Printing

1. The COA was informed that an email with the finalised art work will be sent for approval for printing of the Annual Report.
2. The COA took note of the above.

B. Summary of Draft BCCI Budget for FY 2019 - 20

1. The COA was informed that the draft budget for the FY 2019 – 2020 was ready and that it would be presented at a subsequent COA meeting.
2. The COA took note of the above.

C. Revised BCCI Travel policy

1. The COA was informed that pursuant to the discussions at the COA meeting held on 7th March 2019, the revised travel policy had been circulated internally. A query was raised on the date from which the revised policy is to be made applicable.
2. After some discussion, it was decided that the revised policy would be made applicable from the date of approval by the COA i.e. 7th March, 2019. Those who travelled with respect to PCB legal matter are entitled to claim per diem as per this revised policy.

D. Payment of Professional Fees to Mr. W. V Raman as per the Newly Executed Agreement



It was decided that the matter is to be discussed amongst the COA members subsequently and accordingly no decision will be taken at the meeting.

E. Draft Request For Qualifications Document for Reconciliation of BCCI with State Cricket Associations and Foreign Cricket Boards

1. The COA was informed that the draft Request For Qualifications Document (“RFQ”) has been prepared and will be placed for COA’s approval after internal verification.
2. The COA took note of the above.

F. Request from Deloitte for Disclosures by COA Members under “Related Party Transactions”

1. The COA was informed that Deloitte has made a request that the COA members should provide disclosures in relation to Related Party Transactions. The COA was informed that Deloitte has been informed that the COA are not related parties and therefore, there was no need for any such disclosures.

G. Draft BCCI Internal Policy and Procedures (for FEMA – BCCI Foreign Remittances) applicable w.e.f. 1st April 2019

1. The COA was informed that in terms of the draft policy, BCCI will enter into all transactions only after the same is approved by the FEMA consultant.
2. The COA took note of the above.

ITEM 7: ANY OTHER MATTERS (CONTINUED)

I. Donation of Funds to the Armed Forces

1. After some discussion, the COA decided that the allocated amount of Rs. 20 crores (approx.) will be divided between CRPF, army, navy and air force and that the optimal division of these funds will be worked out with the relevant authorities. Further, the IPL Operations Team will be provided with the names of the persons who will be coming to accept the donation on the IPL opening day.

J. Payments to be made to the Franchisees

1. The COA was informed that the 1st instalment towards the Net Central Rights (NCR) is payable to the IPL Franchisees as per the respective Franchise Agreements and the COA’s approval for the same was sought.



2. After some discussion, the COA approved the said payments.

K. IPL Schedule

1. The COA was informed that Visakhapatnam has been tentatively selected as the back-up venue for the IPL Playoff Matches. However, Andhra Pradesh is to go to polls during the time when the back-up venue may be needed. Therefore, it may be necessary to select a different back-up venue.
2. The COA directed that the most appropriate venue should be figured out as the back-up venue, given the election schedule. It was suggested to the COA that Visakhapatnam could tentatively remain the back-up venue for the time being and in the event a change is required, it can be made subsequently.
3. As regards the schedule for the entire IPL, the COA was informed that 2 draft schedules had been prepared for COA's consideration. In preparing the schedule, considering the upcoming general elections, an attempt has been made to arrive at overall balance for all the teams. In the first option, there are approximately 5 back-to-back matches for the teams. The only issue of concern is that one of the teams will have 4 matches in 7 days. In the second option, the back-to-back matches have reduced, However, the concern of 1 team would remain. The COA was informed that an effort is being made to address the concern and make it a balanced schedule across all 8 teams.
4. After some discussion, the COA decided that the schedule which is considered most appropriate by the IPL operations team may be sent to the Franchisees.

L. T20 Advisory

1. The COA's attention was drawn to the T20 advisory that has been sent in terms of which no state-level cricket is permitted in the 15 days' period before and after the IPL. In this context, the COA was informed that the Saurashtra Cricket Association ("SCA") has sent a request for permission to play a tournament immediately after the IPL.
2. The COA stated that permission may be granted but it should be ensured that all player related precautions are taken for the same.

M. Proposal for Exhibition Match

1. The COA was informed that BCCI has received a proposal from Star Network in relation to a proposed exhibition match involving the Indian team. The match is in support of female empowerment.

2. After some discussion, the COA decided that the team can be involved in the exhibition match.

N. RFQ for Photography Services

1. The COA was informed that any person or entity on the ICC watch-list should not be considered for RFQ for Photograph Services.

Meeting concluded.

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