

DIRECTIONS ISSUED BY THE COMMITTEE OF ADMINISTRATORS ON  
SELECTION COMMITTEE MEETING

- A. The order dated 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2017 passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court *inter alia* ordered and directed that:

“A Committee of administrators shall supervise the administration of BCCI through its Chief Executive Officer.

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... the Committee of Administrators shall also ensure that the directions contained in the judgment of this Court dated 18 July 2016 (which accepted the report of the Committee with modifications) are fulfilled and to adopt all necessary and consequential steps for that purpose.

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...Upon the Committee of administrators as nominated by this Court assuming charge, the existing office bearers shall function subject to the supervision and control of the Committee of administrators. The Committee of administrators would have the power to issue all appropriate directions to facilitate due supervision and control”

- B. Thereafter, the order dated 30<sup>th</sup> January 2017 passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court states that:

“... The C.E.O. of B.C.C.I. shall report to the Committee of Administrators and the Administrators shall supervise the management of B. C.C.I.”

- C. In light of the aforesaid orders, it is clear that (i) the Committee of Administrators shall supervise the management and administration of the BCCI through its CEO; (ii) the office bearers shall function subject to the supervision and control of the Committee of Administrators; (iii) the Committee of Administrators will have the power to issue all appropriate directions to facilitate due supervision and control of the functioning of BCCI; and (iv) the CEO shall report to the Committee of Administrators and the Committee of Administrators shall supervise the management of BCCI.

- D. The Memorandum & Rules and Regulations of the BCCI (the “**New BCCI Constitution**”), which was approved by the Hon’ble Supreme Court vide its Judgement dated 9<sup>th</sup> August, 2018, was registered with the Registrar of Societies at Chennai on 21<sup>st</sup> August, 2018 and the same has become effective on and from the said date.

- E. By virtue of orders passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court the Honorary Joint Secretary, BCCI is functioning and discharging functions of the Honorary Secretary under the supervision and control of the Committee of Administrators.
- F. In the old Memorandum & Rules and Regulations of the BCCI there was a specific provision viz. Rule 13(b)(7) which expressly empowered the Honorary Secretary to convene and attend meetings of the Selection Committee. There is no such provision under the New BCCI Constitution. The New BCCI Constitution embodies the following important aspects which are central to cricket reforms as envisaged under the Justice R.M. Lodha Committee Report which has been accepted by the Hon'ble Supreme Court.
- (i) Separation of management and governance functions within the BCCI: Following this principle, the New BCCI Constitution has set up the Apex Council (of which Hon. Secretary is a part) for governance and provides that the day to day management of the BCCI shall be conducted by professionals in both cricketing and non-cricketing matters. The Hon. Secretary, thus, is not part of the management either for cricketing or non-cricketing matters under New BCCI Constitution.
  - (ii) Differentiation in management in cricketing and non-cricketing matters: Under the New BCCI Constitution whilst the management of non-cricketing matters is left to the professional team of managers lead by the CEO, the management of cricketing matters such as selection, coaching and performance evaluation has to be exclusively done by players who have greater domain knowledge and expertise in this area. It is for this reason that the New BCCI Constitution provides for constitution of Cricket Committees such as selection committees which comprises exclusively of players and requires that the CEO and the Cricket Committees shall function independently in their respective domains with any interference or approval from each other. The CEO is however enjoined with the responsibility to assist the Cricket Committees and facilitate the implementation of its tasks and recommendations and to be a conduit between the Cricket Committees and the Apex Council in so far as the CEO is required to forward quarterly reports submitted by the Chairpersons of the respective Cricket Committees to the Apex Council. It follows that the Cricket Committees are required to function independently without any inference either by the CEO or the Officer Bearers.
- G. The Committee of Administrators have been informed that the practice of the Hon. Secretary convening and attending selection committee meetings has continued even after the New BCCI Constitution has become effective. Further, it is learnt that the selection committees continue to address emails to Hon. Secretary to seek his approval in relation to any change or replacement in the team(s). Similarly, the selection committees continue to address e-mails to the Hon. Secretary seeking his approval on travel arrangements and posting for selectors to watch and attend cricket matches.

H. The Committee of Administrators had earlier issued directions dated 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 2018 and these directions are being issued further to the said directions.

Accordingly, with a view to ensure that the affairs of the BCCI are carried out in accordance with the Orders passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court and New BCCI Constitution the Committee of Administrators considers it is necessary to issue the following directions.

1. Except on Overseas Tours, the Chairpersons of the respective Selection Committees shall convene the meetings of the Selection Committees viz. (i) Men's Selection Committee, (ii) Junior Selection Committee and (iii) Women's Selection Committee. On Overseas Tours the Administrative Manager shall convene the meetings in accordance with the relevant provision of the New BCCI Constitution. Neither any officer bearer nor the CEO shall attend any Cricket Committee meetings.
2. The Chairpersons of the respective Selection Committees or Administrative Manager (in case of Overseas Tour) shall prepare true and accurate minutes of every meeting and after the team or a selection or change/replacement is announced, the Chairperson shall forward the said minutes of the meeting, duly signed by him to the Hon. Secretary so that the Hon. Secretary can keep and maintain records.
3. The Selection Committee does not need any approval either from the Hon. Secretary or the CEO in relation to any selection made or change or replacement in the team.
4. The CEO will make the travel arrangement and other arrangements required for travel and posting of selectors to watch and attend cricket matches and emails in this regard shall be address to the CEO.

Issued by Hon'ble Supreme Court Appointed Committee of Administrators

Dated this 18 day of July 2019.