MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF ADMINISTRATORS HELD ON 29th JUNE 2019 AT ITC MAURYA, NEW DELHI

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ITEM 1: CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF ADMINISTRATORS HELD ON 8TH APRIL 2019, 27TH APRIL 2019, 3RD MAY 2019, 21ST MAY 2019, 27TH MAY 2019 AND 7TH JUNE 2019

After some discussion, the COA decided that the minutes of meetings of the Committee of Administrators held on 8th April 2019, 27th April 2019, 3rd May 2019, 21st May 2019, 27th May 2019 and 7th June 2019 should be placed before the COA at the subsequent meeting of the COA.

ITEM 2: LEGAL MATTERS

- A. Orders of the Ethics Officer in the matters of Mr. Sachin Tendulkar, Mr. Sourav Ganguly and Mr. V.V.S Laxman
- 1. There was a detailed discussion regarding the orders passed by the Ethics Officer in the matters of Mr. Sachin Tendulkar, Mr. Sourav Ganguly and Mr. V. V. S. Laxman as well as the issue of conflict of interest generally.
- 2. After the said detailed discussion, the COA decided that BCCI should make a request for more time to comply with the orders passed by the Ethics Officer.
 - B. Opinion on whether the Secretary of the BCCI can convene meetings of the Selection Committees of the BCCI

After some discussion, the COA decided that this issue will be taken up for discussion after receipt of legal opinion.

C. COA Directions/ Guidelines regarding Complaints



- 1. It was discussed that in terms of the constitution of BCCI, once the Apex Council receives a complaint for adjudication by the Ombudsman, the Apex Council is expected to verify the same and take further steps if deemed appropriate. Draft guidelines for filing of such complaints with the Apex Council was placed before the COA for review and approval. It was discussed that once the guidelines are approved, the same can be published on the BCCI website.
- 2. The requirement of filing of an affidavit along with the complaint was discussed and it was observed that since such a complaint would typically be against a BCCI official or office bearer, it is advisable that the complainant should provide a sworn statement in order to ensure that the complainant takes responsibility and ownership of the contents of the complaint.
- 3. It was noted that there is no specific requirement in the BCCI constitution for the orders of the Ethics Officer to be published and that only the report of the Ethics Officer to the AGM of the BCCI and disclosures made pursuant to any such orders are to be published on the BCCI website.
- 4. After some discussion, the COA approved the guidelines for filing complaints with the Apex Council and decided that:
 - (a) the said guidelines for filing complaints with the Apex Council should be published on the BCCI website; and
 - (b) orders of the Ethics Officer should not be published/ uploaded on the BCCI website.

D. Status of Miscellaneous Compliances

- 1. After some discussion, the COA decided that:
 - (a) A draft procurement policy should be prepared and placed before the COA;
 - (b) An internal circular mandating early commencement of procurement process should be prepared and circulated to the COA;
 - (c) Draft agent registration norms should be placed before the COA;
 - (d) Names of persons who can be included in a Working Group for Disabled Cricket should be identified and placed before the COA; and
 - (e) The COA will address an email to the Tamil Nadu Cricket Association ("TNCA") communicating that the Union Territory of Puducherry no longer



falls within the jurisdiction of the TNCA and that the TNCA is no longer permitted to either include a team from the Union Territory of Puducherry as one of the district teams in the tournaments conducted by the TNCA or otherwise conduct any cricketing activities in the Union Territory of Puducherry.

E. Request from BCCI Team Sponsor

- 1. The COA was briefed on the various options and the way forward in relation to the request from the BCCI Team Sponsor.
- 2. After some discussion, the COA approved the request from the BCCI Team Sponsor subject to:
 - a) an upfront payment of 5% additional fees for the balance term of contract; and
 - b) the arrangement not having any adverse financial impact on BCCI.

F. Indian Cricketers' Association

- 1. The COA was informed that the BCCI has received various queries on the notice relating to membership that has been published on the BCCI website. Accordingly, a draft addendum clarifying the same was placed before the COA.
- 2. It was discussed that it would be appropriate for the Indian Cricketers' Association ("ICA") to issue/ publish notices/ guidelines in relation to membership and other relevant issues.
- 3. After some further discussion, the COA decided that:
 - (a) It will not publish any addendum to the notice already issued by the COA; and
 - (b) Once the ICA is registered, the ICA may issue notices/ guidelines as deemed appropriate.

G. Approval for Drone Camera, Buggy Camera and Per Diems for Commentators

After some discussion, the COA approved a revision in the per diems payable to commentators as per the proposal placed before it and decided that the matter pertaining to the selection of vendors for the provision of Drone Cameras and Buggy Cameras shall be taken up at a subsequent meeting.

ITEM 3: CRICKETING MATTERS

A. Appointment of Head Coach at the National Cricket Academy

1. After some discussion, the COA approved the terms of retainership of the successful applicant for the position of Head Coach at the National Cricket Academy ("NCA") and fixed the remuneration payable to him, subject to his obtaining leave of absence from the organisation that he is currently employed with.

B. Contract Revision at the National Cricket Academy

- 1. The COA was informed that contracts of certain employees at the NCA are due for revision as they are likely to expire in June July 2019. The terms of employment, proposed to be offered to these employees were also discussed.
- 2. The COA was also informed that the NCA requires (i) Strength and Conditioning coaches; (ii) Physiotherapists; (iii) Manager Administration; and (iv) Stores Supervisor. A proposal for the same was placed before the COA.
- 3. The COA was informed that the RFP for the construction of the 4 cricket grounds and 1 practice ground is under scrutiny by the Legal Team. It was discussed that a Project Management agency should be appointed to oversee this process. It was suggested that a project manager can be employed to oversee this activity.
- 4. After some discussion, the COA decided that:
 - (a) The contracts of those employees at the NCA whose contracts are due for revision are approved on the terms and conditions proposed;
 - (b) The proposal for recruitment for Physiotherapists and Strength and Conditioning Coaches is approved;
 - (c) The proposal for recruitment for the roles of Manager Administration and Stores Supervisor is approved; and
 - (d) A Project Manager should be appointed to oversee the construction work for the 4 grounds and 1 practice ground at the NCA.

C. Home Ground for Afghanistan's International Matches

- 1. The COA was informed that the stadium at Lucknow is being offered to Afghanistan Cricket Board for the hosting Afghanistan's International Matches.
- 2. The COA took note of the above.
 - D. Affiliation of an Association from the Union Territory of Chandigarh



- 1. The COA noted that the Affiliation Committee had submitted its report dated 25th June 2019 to the COA. The COA was informed that, as directed, the report of the Affiliation Committee has been sent to all the claimant associations with a direction to file objections (if any), within 7 days.
- 2. After some discussion, the COA decided that the representatives of the said claimant associations should be called for a hearing before the COA at a subsequent meeting, prior to a decision being taken by the COA as to which association should be granted affiliation.

E. Affiliation of an Association from the State of Uttarakhand

- 1. The COA was informed that the Affiliation Committee had visited the State of Uttarakhand and had made observations regarding the cricketing activities conducted by the various claimant associations.
- 2. The COA was also informed of the observations of the various affiliation committees which had visited Uttarakhand in the past.
- 3. After some discussion, the COA decided that the current Affiliation Committee should provide its report to the COA for its consideration. Thereafter, the representatives of the associations should be called for a hearing before the COA, after which the COA would take a decision as to which association should be granted affiliation.

F. Age Fraud Guidelines

- 1. The COA was informed that in terms of the present policy on age fraud, cricketers found guilty of birth certificate tampering are suspended / banned from playing BCCI matches for a period of two (2) years. It was recommended that the policy be modified to the extent of State Associations permitting the said individual to commence participating in club matches / tournaments from the second (2nd) year of the two (2) year ban.
- 2. The process followed for cases of age fraud was discussed. The COA was informed that all the relevant documents are requisitioned and in cases where age fraud is established, a reasoned suspension order is passed.
- 3. After some discussion, the COA approved the revision in the age fraud policy to the extent of State Associations permitting participation in club matches / tournaments in the second (2nd) year of the two (2) year ban.

G. BCCI Domestic Accreditation for 2019-2020



- 1. The COA was informed that the Central Accreditation Partner of the BCCI has expressed interest in continuing as the Central Accreditation Partner of the BCCI their services for the BCCI 2019-2020 season.
- 2. After some discussion, the COA approved the continuation of the arrangement between BCCI and its existing Central Accreditation Partner.

G. Panel for Recruitments at the National Cricket Academy

- 1. The constitution of the panel for recruitment at the NCA was discussed. The COA was informed that 3 persons would be chosen to form a part of the panel.
- 2. The COA took note of the same.

H. Terms of reference for BCCI Observer to 9 New State Associations

- 1. The terms of reference for the BCCI observer to be sent to the 9 new State Associations was placed before the COA. The COA discussed the funding for the observer to be sent to the 9 new State Associations. It was discussed that as this is a BCCI requirement, it would be appropriate for BCCI to fund the same.
- 2. After some discussion, the COA decided that the BCCI would provide funding for the observers to be sent to the 9 new State Associations. The COA further decided that the terms of reference would be revised as per the discussions at the meeting and placed for COA's review.

ITEM 4: ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

A. Annual Appraisal Proposal

After some discussion, the COA decided that the matter may be taken up at a subsequent meeting.

ITEM 5: FINANCE MATTERS

A. Reconciliation of Accounts with State Associations / Foreign Cricket Boards

- 1. The COA was informed that BCCI has received 2 bidders for the RFQ for reconciliation of accounts with State Associations and Foreign Cricket Boards. The quotation provided by the 2 bidders was discussed.
- 2. After some discussion, the COA approved the engagement of the bidder providing the most cost effective bid for the scope of work.

B. Fund Disbursement to compliant State Associations

- 1. The COA discussed the issue of further disbursement of funds to the State Associations. It was pointed out that the COA had decided that further sums would be disbursed on receipt of certificate of utilisation from the State Associations. It was pointed out that the requirement of certificate of utilisation forms a part of the Fund Disbursement policy which is still to be finalised. The COA was also informed that BCCI has not received any requests for further disbursement of amounts.
- 2. After some discussion, the COA decided that there was no need for a decision on this matter at this time and that further sums are not to be disbursed presently.

C. Odisha Cricket Association - Cyclone damage

- 1. The COA was informed that Odisha Cricket Association ("OCA") has provided an estimate of damages caused by the Cyclone Fani. The COA was also informed that OCA has not been declared compliant as yet.
- 2. After some discussion, the COA decided that the matter may be discussed once again once the OCA is declared as compliant.

D. Term Insurance Policy for BCCI Staff

- 1. A proposal for obtaining a term insurance policy for the employees of the BCCI in case of death of an employee, which would provide benefit to beneficiary / dependants was placed before the COA for approval.
- 2. After some discussion, the COA decided that BCCI can proceed with obtaining the term insurance policy.

E. GST Annual Return for FY 2017 - 18

The COA was informed that the last date for the filing of the GST Annual Returns has been extended to 31^{st} August 2019. Further, the BCCI Audited Accounts for 2017 - 18 also requires to be signed. In relation to this, the COA stated that the matter may be discussed with the office bearers of the BCCI after the auditors have made the presentation to them.

ITEM 7: ANY OTHER MATTER

A. Domestic Calendar



The COA was informed that the Domestic calendar is ready for announcement and it was suggested that the domestic calendar can be released. The COA agreed with the suggestion.

Mr. N. Gopalaswami (Electoral Officer – BCCI) joined the meeting.

B. Discussion with Electoral Officer

- 1. The COA gave a brief overview of the compliance process pursuant to which each State Association is expected to mirror the constitution of the BCCI and submit the same to the COA for verification. The COA scrutinises the constitution for compliance and if in order, declares the constitution / State Association as compliant. The Electoral Officer was informed that certain practical issues have been faced by the State Associations, which they have discussed with the Ld. Amicus Curiae.
- 2. The Electoral Officer requested for copies of all constitutions of the State Associations. The Electoral Officer was assured that constitutions of the State Associations which were already declared as compliant would be sent at the earliest and the remaining would be sent as and when the State Association is declared compliant.
- 3. The Electoral Officer discussed and sought clarifications on certain matters relating to membership and applicability of disqualification.
- 4. The COA discussed the preparation of the election protocol with the Electoral Officer and decided that the matter may be discussed once again once the draft election protocol has been prepared.

C. Creation of Fixed Deposits

- 1. After some discussion, the COA decided that an overview of the investments of the BCCI may be presented for the COA's consideration at the next meeting.
- 2. The COA took note of the same.

D. Rajasthan Cricket Association

After some discussion, the COA decided that the matter may be discussed at the next meeting.

E. Jharkhand State Cricket Association

The COA was informed that Jharkhand State Cricket Association have requested for a change in the venue for the Test Match to be played from October 10, 2019 as this is during the Durga Puja celebrations. It was decided that the request may be granted and



that the itinerary be rescheduled and Jharkhand State Cricket Association be allotted the test match from October 19, 2019 and the second test scheduled from October 10, 2019 be allotted to Pune.

Meeting concluded.

