

DIRECTIONS FROM THE COMMITTEE OF ADMINISTRATORS

The Hon'ble Supreme Court in its judgment dated 9th August 2018 whilst approving the draft constitution of the BCCI and directing the Registrar of Societies to register the approved constitution of the BCCI, also directed the state associations to undertake registration of their constitution on similar lines within 30 days thereafter. The said judgment also required each state association to furnish a compliance certificate to the Committee of Administrators so that Committee of Administrators could file a status report before the Hon'ble Supreme Court with reference to the compliance undertaken by the state associations.

The BCCI Constitution was registered on 21st August 2018 and put up on BCCI website on the very same day. In view thereof, the state associations were bound to carry out amendments to their respective constitutions and undertake registration of the same on similar lines to that of the BCCI within 30 days from 21st August 2018 and submit a compliance certificate to the Committee of Administrators. The judgment does not leave any room for the general body of the state associations to either accept or reject the changes mandated in the respective state association constitutions by the said judgement of the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

The Committee of Administrators has been in correspondence with state associations in relation to the amendments required to their constitutions to be in compliance with the judgment dated 9th August 2018 for almost a year. Efforts to achieve compliance through mediation by the Ld. Amicus Curiae in terms of the order dated 14th March 2019 passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court, have been in progress since April 2019. In pursuance to the directions given by the Hon'ble Supreme Court, the Ld. Amicus along with the Committee of Administrators met various associations who have filed several Interlocutory Applications before the Hon'ble Supreme Court. After extensive discussions and mediatory efforts the Ld. Amicus submitted his report with the Hon'ble Supreme Court on 9th May 2019. Despite the efforts made by the Ld. Amicus some of the state associations have on one pretext or the other not complied with the said judgment.

Post submission of the report by the Ld. Amicus, on 21st May 2019, the Committee of Administrators issued the Timelines and Proposed Actions for conducting the elections of BCCI ("**Timeline**") and published it on the website of the BCCI. As per the Timeline, the state associations were required to appoint Electoral Officer by 1st July 2019 and were required to complete the election latest by 14th September, 2019.

In order to adhere to the said Timeline and to assist the state associations by providing guidance in the process of state association elections the BCCI appointed its Electoral Officer much in advance on 7th June 2019. On 16th August 2019, the Ld. Electoral Officer of the BCCI has issued Rules of Procedure for the BCCI Elections and has also on 28th August 2019 issued Advisory on State Association Elections. Over the last few days, the Committee of Administrators has received requests from state associations and electoral officer to extend the deadline for completion of state association elections.

In the circumstances aforesaid and to give a final opportunity to the state associations to participate in the BCCI election process the Committee of Administrators deem it appropriate to issue the following directions:

1. The date for BCCI Election remains unaltered. The BCCI Elections shall take place on 22nd October 2019;

2. The deadline for completion of elections of state associations is extended from 14th September 2019 to 28th September 2019. No further extensions will be feasible beyond 28th September, 2019 since the notice of AGM for BCCI elections has to be issued 21 days prior to 22nd October which is 30th September 2019. The State Association are required to send the names of their representatives to the BCCI for the BCCI election on 28th September, 2019.

3. All state associations who have not already (a) submitted their amended constitutions for approval to the Committee of Administrators; and/or (b) appointed electoral officer for conducting the elections; and/or (c) issued the notice for conduct of elections, are required to complete all of the aforesaid on or before 12th September 2019. The Committee of Administrators will neither take cognizance of any request for extension of time from state associations or their electoral officers who do not complete all of (a), (b) and (c), as provided above before the deadline of 12th September 2019 nor entertain any request to vet the constitution or amended version thereof submitted beyond the said deadline.

Dated this 6th of September, 2019.

Issued by the Supreme Court appointed Committee of Administrators for the BCCI