

MINUTES OF THE 9th APEX COUNCIL MEETING OF BOARD OF CONTROL FOR CRICKET IN INDIA (BCCI) HELD ON FRIDAY, 20th SEPTEMBER 2021 AT 2.30 P.M. IST VIA VIDEO CONFERENCING

Present:

1. Mr. Sourav Ganguly Honorary President, Chairperson
2. Mr. Jay Shah Honorary Secretary
3. Mr. Arun Singh Dhumal Honorary Treasurer
4. Mr. Jayesh George Honorary Joint Secretary
5. Mr. Rajeev Shukla Honorary Vice President
6. Mr. Prabhtej Singh Bhatia Councilor
7. Mr. C. M. Sane CAG Nominee
8. Ms. Shantha Rangaswamy ICA Representative (Female)
9. Mr. Aunshuman Gaekwad ICA Representative (Male)

BCCI staff members were invited to speak on specific Agenda items, as and when required.

1. CHAIRPERSON

Mr. Sourav Ganguly, the Honorary President, BCCI (the “**Chairperson**”) presided over the meeting. He greeted all the members present in the Apex Council and welcomed them to the 9th Apex Council Meeting of the BCCI. He explained that owing to the prevailing Covid-19 situation, the meeting was required to be held via video conferencing.

2. QUORUM

After ascertaining that the requisite quorum for the meeting was present, the meeting was called to order.

Thereafter, Mr. Jay Shah, the Honorary Secretary, BCCI, welcomed all the members.

With the permission of all the members present, the notice convening the meeting, having already been circulated, was taken on record.

3. ITEM 1: CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 7TH AND 8TH APEX COUNCIL MEETING.

The Chairperson took up the first item on the agenda which was confirmation of the minutes of the 7th and 8th Apex Council Meeting which were circulated with the agenda papers.

After some deliberation, the minutes of the 7th and 8th Apex Council Meetings were confirmed and approved.

4. ITEM NO. 2: UPDATE ON ICC T20 WORLD CUP, 2021

The Chairperson updated the members about the progress made for hosting the World Cup in UAE and Oman. Mr. Jay Shah, Hon. Secretary updated the Apex Council that the event budget has been passed with ICC. He further mentioned that BCCI is in talks with Emirates

Cricket Board and OmanCricket Board for giving them the right to stage the matches in their stadiums and a staging fee will be charged to them. The members noted the same.

5. ITEM NO. 3: DISCUSSION ON COMPENSATION TO BE GIVEN TO FIRST-CLASS CRICKETERS (MEN AND WOMEN) FOR THE 2020-21 SEASON.

Mr. Arun Dhumal, Hon. Treasurer updated the Apex Council members that a compensation system has been worked out for first class cricketers (men and women) as they did not get to play matches for 2020-21 season owing to Covid-19. He mentioned that those cricketers who had played the 2019-20 season in Ranji Trophy and Sr Women's T20 Tournaments will get 50% of the amount they had got in 2019-20 season as compensation for 2020-21 season. The members noted the same and approved the compensation structure as provided by the Hon. Treasurer.

6. ITEM NO. 4: TO RATIFY THE PREVENTION OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT POLICY TO BE ADOPTED BY THE BCCI.

The Chairperson mentioned that draft prevention of sexual harassment policy has been circulated along with agenda papers. He mentioned that such a policy is required not only as per law but to have a safe working environment for all stakeholders. Mr. Rajeev Shukla, Hon. Vice President mentioned that while he agrees with the Chairperson, he would want to go through the policy once again and requested that this be taken up in the next meeting. The members decided to take up this agenda item in the next meeting.

7. ITEM NO. 5: TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON THE BCCI DOMESTIC CRICKET SEASON FOR THE YEAR 2021-22.

The Chairperson mentioned that a paper has been circulated with the agenda describing all the domestic tournaments which will be played in the upcoming season. The new season will have 1054 matches. He mentioned that Hon. Joint Secretary, Mr. Jayesh George has worked with the BCCI team to make the plan for domestic tournaments. He mentioned that majority of the tournaments will happen however some age group related tournaments may not be held since they may not be vaccinated. Mr. Shah mentioned that all efforts will be made to have all domestic tournaments but decision on under-16 tournaments will be taken post the under-19 tournaments and taking into account the COVID-19 situation. The members noted the same.

8. ITEM NO. 6: TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON THE INTERNATIONAL HOME SEASON FOR THE YEAR 2021-22.

The Chairperson mentioned that a paper has been circulated with the agenda providing update on the International Home Season for 2021-22. The paper had the venues and the teams which will be touring to India in the upcoming season. The members noted the same.

5.6

9. ITEM NO. 7: DISCUSSION ON THE INFRASTRUCTURE SUBSIDY CLAIMS SUBMITTED BY THE STATE CRICKET ASSOCIATIONS WHICH ARE MORE THAN 2 YEARS OLD.

Hon. Treasurer mentioned that as per the Infrastructure Subsidy Claims policy of BCCI submitted by the State Cricket Association, State Cricket Association can claim 50% of the reimbursement of actual expenditure incurred during the infrastructure development as defined in the policy. The current Infrastructure policy also states that the claims must be submitted within 2 years (24 months) from the date of expenditure incurred. During the tenure of the Supreme Court appointed Committee of Administrators (COA) owing to payment restrictions to associations, no infrastructure claims were submitted or claimed by the associations as COA's were not releasing any funds to the State Cricket Associations. Recently, BCCI has received claims from few associations for the earlier period also.

Hon. Treasurer proposed that the members of the Apex council may consider relaxing the current window of submission of bills within 24 months and can fix the cutoff date as 1st January 2016. Any expenses incurred by State Cricket Association post 1st January 2016 will be allowed to submit the bills to BCCI for one time only. However, these rules will be applicable to the old claims submitted till 15th October 2021. Post expiry of the relaxation period the old/ existing rules of submission within 24 months of expenditure incurred will continue to apply. He also proposed that the Hon. Secretary be authorized to take decisions on specific cases which may require relaxation of the infrastructure policy rule.

The members of the Apex Council after some deliberation approved the proposal of Hon. Treasurer and ratified the proposed relaxation in the Infrastructure Policy.

10. ITEM NO. 14: TO CONSIDER ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIRPERSON MAY CONSIDER NECESSARY TO BE INCLUDED IN THE AGENDA.

(a) **Increase in Match Fee for Domestic Cricketers:** Hon. Treasurer mentioned that the Office Bearers of the BCCI have discussed internally and are proposing an increase of match fee for the domestic cricketers in India as domestic cricket is the backbone of Indian Cricket. He suggested the following:

Men's Domestic (Fees Per Day) – Rs.						
Category	Playing XI – Upto 20 Ranji matches played	Reserves – Upto 20 Ranji matches played	Playing XI – 21 to 40 Ranji matches played	Reserves – 21 to 40 Ranji matches played	Playing XI – above 40 Ranji matches played	Reserves – above 40 Ranji matches played
Senior	40,000	20,000	50,000	25,000	60,000	30,000
Category	Playing XI	Reserves				
U23 (Under 25 for Season 2021-22)	25,000	12,500				
U19	20,000	10,000				
U16	7,000	3,500				

S.G.

Women's Domestic (Fees Per Day) – Rs.		
Senior	20,000	10,000
U23 (Under 25 for Season 2021-22)	10,000	5,000
U19 / U16	10,000	5,000

The Member of the Apex Council noted the increment and after some deliberation approved the increase in fee of domestic cricketers.

(b) **Conversion of State Association from Society to a Company:** Chhattisgarh State Cricket Sangh (CSCS) has requested BCCI to approve a conversion from society to a company. Mr. Prabhtej Bhatia left the meeting as he is a member of CSCS. Mr. Shukla mentioned that there are associations who have converted to companies and there is a precedent of associations being converted to companies from societies. Mr. Jay Shah mentioned that there will be better compliances and transparency in a company and a blanket approval should be given by the Apex Council for such requests. The members of the Apex Council after some deliberation approved the request from CSCS and also gave permission for any such future requests.

11. VOTE OF THANKS

The Chairperson thanked the Apex Council members and there being no other business, the meeting was terminated.

The Board of Control for Cricket in India


Sourav Ganguly
President