Record notes of the meeting of the Apex Council of Tripura Cricket Association held on 19th June, 2024 at 12:00 noon at the chamber of the Hon. President, TCA.

Shri Tapan Lodh, Hon. President of Tripura Cricket Association presided over the meeting.

Name of the members present in the meeting as follows: -

- 1) Shri Upananda Debbarma, Hon. Vice-President, TCA.
- 2) Shri Subrata Dey, Hon. Secretary, TCA.
- 3) Shri Jayanta Dey, Hon. Joint Secretary, TCA.
- 4) Shri Basudeb Chakraborty, Hon. Treasurer, TCA.
- 5) Shri Saumitra Gope, Councilor, TCA.
- 6) Shri Kavyadeep Joshi, nominee of state Accountant General Office.

The said meeting was called to order after ascertaining that the requisite quorum turned-up.

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

The Chairman of the meeting congratulated all the members present and addressed the house.

Agenda - I

Review and re-fixation of the honorarium to Men's Selection Committees (Senior and Junior).

The honorarium disbursement of selectors has been kept in abeyance w.e.f 02/03/2024 out of a confusion that earlier decision for Senior men's selection committee comprising of 5 members in committee was for @ 1.5 Lac only per person per annum, total 7.5 lac only whereas actual committee constituted was with 3 members allowing @ 2.5 lac only per person per annum, totaling 7.5 Lacs only per annum.

Current year the Senior Men's selection committee has again been framed with 5 members, so confusion has arisen whether individual payment would be @ 1.5 Lac or @2.5 Lac per person per annum.

Similarly, individual payment of Junior Men's selection committee, comprising of 5 members would be @ 1.5 lac or @ 2.2 Lac only per person per annum and currently total amount exceeded the earlier approved total amount without specific approval of Apex Council. This was also a confusion as a corollary to Men's Selection committee case.

After a detail discussion and examined the matter carefully from the office record, it was RESOLVED THAT remuneration would be as below with retrospective effect:-

- Men's Selection Committee (Senior and Under 23 age group) @ 2.5 Lac per person per annum.
- Junior Selection Committee (Under 19 and Under 16 age group) @ 2.2 Lac per person per annum.

The aforesaid decision would come into effect from the date of their appointment i.e. 02/03/2024.

Moreover, the Women's Selection committee was previously comprising of 5 members and currently also comprising of 5 members. Thus, the prevailing decision of payment would continue for the present payment without confusion and without comparing this with the case of other selection committees.

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Agenda - II

Re-appraisal of policy for selection of Sadar team by TCA in District level and state meet.

TCA declares Senior State Meet cricket tournament every season. Full member Sub Divisional Associations declare their team and participate in the tournament.

Sadar Sub Division has no independent Sub Divisional Cricket Association as full member. The cricket of the Sadar Sub Division is looked for development by the clubs, full members located in Sadar Sub Division.

The single entity team for Sadar Sub Division cannot be constituted by the combination of the clubs with a large degree of coordination. To avoid the cumbersome process, TCA makes the selection of teams through its available selection machinery.

Accordingly, this season the Sadar team selection has also been made by the TCA directly for participation in the upcoming Senior State Meet Tournament 2023-24.

RESOLVED THAT the earlier practised policy for selection of Sadar team by TCA in District level and state meet has been re-appraised by the house.

Agenda - III

Appraisal of financial status against D L bank deposit C & I and Sweep account of State Bank of India (SBI) Agartala branch and plan for prospective payment management.

It has been noted that Tripura Cricket Association has incurred expenditure from the loan of 28.80 crores taken on 24/07/2023 from State Bank of India, Agartala branch. The interest is building from the loan account. It is better to pay the loan from other available funds by receipt from the BCCI or matured fixed deposits as early as possible.

Earlier decision for communication on unauthorized investment decision would, however, be implemented.

Agenda - IV

Plan for encouraging Women's tournaments at sub-division level throughout the state.

In pursuance of the resolution of the Apex Council meeting on 16/03/2020, it was decided that Tripura Cricket Association would provide financial benefits to the sub-divisional cricket associations (affiliated under TCA) for conducting Women's cricket tournament in sub-division level and the limitation of the number of matches for each sub-division during one cricket season was only 07 (seven) numbers.

To encourage the Women's tournaments at sub-division level, the present scope has been examined carefully by looking into the previous progression of enhancement and **RESOLVED THAT** the following would be the limitation of matches in sub-divisional level from the next cricket season i.e. 2024-2025:

Senior Women's tournament

-maximum 12 matches with 5 teams and minimum 7 matches with 3 teams.

Junior Women's tournament

maximum 18 matches.

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Agenda - V

Approval to the proposal of Selectors for recruitment/engagement of Guest Cricketers and Support personnel in respect of BCCI Tournament 2024-2025.

Pursuant to the decision of the Apex Council meeting held on 29/04/2024 regarding recruitment/engagement criteria of Guest cricketers and list of support personnel in respect of BCCI Tournament 2024-2025, the expert committee (*Selection committee members of TCA*) has submitted its proposal as Annexure I & Annexure II.

After a meticulous perusal it has been **RESOLVED** unanimously to adopt the said proposals.

In addition, it was also resolved to call expression of interest from the interested candidates for the post of Guest cricketers (Men) and support staff of Tripura Senior Men's team for BCCI Tournaments 2024-2025 on the basis of the following qualification and experience: -

Support Personnel: -

Post	Qualification	Experience	No.of post
Head Coach of Senior Men's Team	Level - II or above	atleast 03 years coaching experience with any state cricket team in BCCI tournaments	01 (one)
		having experience of playing 1 st class matches of BCCI will be given preference	
Strength &	Level - II or		04.6
Conditioning Coach of Senior Men's Team	above	cricket team in BCCI tournaments in similar line	01 (one)
Physiotherapist of Senior Men's Team	Master degree	atleast 02 years experience with any state cricket team in BCCI tournaments in similar line	01 (one)
Side-arm thrower	Professionally qualified	atleast 01 year experience with any state cricket team in BCCI tournaments in similar line	01 (one)

Guest Cricketers (Men):-

Specialty desired

- 1) Middle order Batsman.
- 2) Left-arm spinner all-rounder.
- 3) Opening Batsman.
- 4) Wicket-keeper cum Batsman.

Essential experience

Played atleast 20 (twenty) numbers of 1st class matches of BCCI.

Foot note:-

Players having experience of Duleep Trophy of BCCI will be given preference.

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In this context, a committee has been constituted comprising of the following members: -

1. Sri Upananda Debbarma : Hon. Vice-President, TCA -Chairman : Hon. Joint Secretary, TCA -2. Sri Jayanta Dey Convenor 3. Sri Sanjoy Bose : General Body Member, TCA-Member 4. Sri Sani Saha : General Body Member, TCA-Member

The committee will function for selection of Guest Cricketers and support staff like Head Coach, Physiotherapist, Strength & Conditioning Coach and Side-arm thrower for Tripura teams in respect of BCCI Tournaments during the cricket season 2024-2025 according to the principle as stated above.

Agenda - VI

Appraisal of the status of Arbitration case with RKSCPL

Hon'ble High court of Tripura passed an order to try amicable settlement of the dispute/claims raised by RKSCPL.

As a follow up action, a meeting was held on 28/05/2024 in between Engineer in- charge, TCA and project Manager, RKSCPL as first step of action.

In 2nd step a meeting was held on 08/06/2024 in between Higher officials of RKSCPL and the Office bearers of TCA. RKSCPL has not given their final statement. TCA also not given the final Statement in this matter.

RESOLVED THAT the current status of Arbitration case with RKSCPL has been appraised by the Apex council.

Agenda - VII

Appraisal on the emergent Apex meeting resolution dated 16/05/2024 and 22/05/2024 respectively

Two numbers of emergent Apex council meetings were conducted on 16/05/2024 (one day prior of the hearing in Hon'ble High Court of Tripura) and 22/05/2024 (after getting the verdict of the Hon'ble High Court of Tripura) respectively to discuss the agenda of the arbitration case with RKSCPL.

RESOLVED THAT, both the resolutions were appraised and adopted by the Apex council unanimously.

Agenda - VIII

Administrative approval and Expenditure sanction to the Works of the Engineering section

a. To develop Cricket infrastructure all over the State, Open Shed for net practice would be constructed in 5 (five) sub-division i.e. Belonia, Khowai, Longtorai Valley, Kailashahar and Jirania respectively subject to availability of ground with No Objection certificate from the competent authority and request letter for such construction from the respective sub-divisional cricket association.

Accordingly model estimate (Estimate No. - 02/EC/EST/24-25) @ Rs.25,02,384.00 for each open shed) has been prepared and placed before the house for administrative approval and expenditure sanction to the said work project wise separately.

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RESOLVED THAT, the house had appraised the proposal and accorded the administrative approval and expenditure sanction to the aforesaid work of the Engineering section project wise against individual locations.

b. During the cricket season 2023-2024, a good number of Junior Tournaments matches of TCA were conducted at Taltala Cricket Ground.

Whereas, Taltala Cricket Ground is a new Ground, few improvements by constructing drain, fencing etc. has to be done. To protect the ground from any unwanted incident, theft or from cows, goats and to provide proper drainage system it is necessary to construct drain and boundary fencing.

Accordingly, one estimate has been framed (Estimate No- 03/EC/EST/24-25) Rs.13,20,955.00 and placed before the house for administrative approval and expenditure sanction to the said work.

RESOLVED THAT, the house got appraised of the estimate and accorded the administrative approval and expenditure sanction to the aforesaid work of the Engineering section.

c. In Dharmanagar Cricket Ground, a good number of ground machineries and other equipment's are kept in open area. To keep the said ground machineries and other equipment's safely, it is necessary to construct a machine room.

Moreover, TCA is having a 20 HP sprinkler pump at the same ground for ground irrigation purpose. It is also essential to cover-up the pump immediately.

Side by side, it is needed to construct drain in front of the club house of Dharmanagar Cricket stadium to avoid water lodging.

Accordingly, an Estimate No. - 04/EC/EST/24-25) Rs.11,65,443.00 has been prepared and placed before the house for administrative approval and expenditure sanction to the said

RESOLVED THAT, the house got appraised and accorded the administrative approval and expenditure sanction to the aforesaid work of the Engineering section.

Agenda - IX

Review of the position of execution of the earlier decisions

Few decisions were adopted in Special General meeting held on 2nd May, 2024 and Apex council meeting on 29th April, 2024, but the same is still pending/incomplete for execution.

a) Special reward worth INR 10 (ten) Lac only was announced for the Senior Women's one day team for qualifying in the knock-out stage of BCCI Tournament 2023-2024.

RESOLVED THAT the said reward would be disbursed during the ensuing Prize Distribution Ceremony of TCA.

b) An initiative for construction of indoor cricket practice shades at Khumlung, Teliamura and Sabroom respectively was taken-up. But due to non-availability of proper documents/availability of land, the work could not be taken-up.

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RESOLVED THAT special initiative would be taken-up immediately to execute the pending matters.

c) The preparation of standard operating system and delegating of power to the professionals and policy for medical assistance to the ex-cricketers & current cricketers are pending.

RESOLVED THAT an expert committee for the purpose would be constituted to frame the proposal and to be placed before the house for appraisal prior to execution by the concerned section of TCA.

Office Bearers would regularly monitor that the resolutions taken in the Apex Council meeting are executed properly and in time.

Agenda - X

Appraisal for different Engineering works of recuring, repair and maintenance nature.

a) The delegation of power for giving technical sanction to works is 25.00 Lacs for Executive Engineer rank. In view of this limitation, the work of improvement of link road of MBB stadium with an agreement value for INR 37,26,461.00 under authority of an Executive Engineer is a mistake/wrong doing.

Therefore, resolved to finalize the work upto an amount of INR 25.00 lacs. The remaining work may be taken-up separately by framing separate estimate and call of fresh tender. As the remaining work appears to be for a separate scope of work included in the previous works estimate by clubbing.

b) The work of installation of PVC water tank along with connection to the existing irrigation system in the ground of Kamalpur K C Girl's school. The said work was awarded to one agency named "Sintex India Ltd." as a part of large works. The agency has not done this piece of work. It appears that this piece of work may be done departmentally.

Therefore, resolved to close the old agreement and get this piece of work done departmentally.

c) It was necessary to purchase cricket uniforms for the Junior and Senior cricket teams of Tripura for the National cricket Tournaments of BCCI during the cricket season 2023-2024.

Accordingly, NIQ was published. B.S. Sports, Delhi was awarded the rate contract. After awarding the rate contract B.S. Sports, Delhi supplied the full quantity of Cricket Uniform as per requirements of TCA men's and women's Team for the cricket season 2023-24 at his agreed final rate worth INR 93,73,367.00.

Quantity of supply is higher than previous year because there was a long pursuant grievance among the players that one set of dress is not adequate to maintain comfort level of dresses, because of the fact that the dress used for fielding got wet due to sweat does not give comfort to the desired level during batting. This year compared to last year, total match team strength was more. In team selection a few more players had been selected compared to previous year due to the necessity of the team's formation from resources of a variety of positions and a comparatively weaker group. Supporting staff was also a few more giving due considerations to specific necessity of management and team selection.

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This statement explaining the state of affairs for consumption comparatively higher than the previous year is given for managerial evaluation and appraisal.

RESOLVED THAT the total cost may be approved and the payment may be made on the basis of proper supporting documents after observing all formalities. And also advised to prepare an estimate prior to float fresh quotation when required.

Agenda - XI

Miscellaneous

a) BCCI will organize a get together at Mumbai to exchange ideas and watch the India vs Australia on June, 2024 in presence of one authorized representative of all state cricket associations. The BCCI will bear all related expenditures for the purpose.

RESOLVED THAT, Shri Tapan Lodh, Honorary President of Tripura Cricket Association will attend the said event.

b) The Prize distribution ceremony of Tripura Cricket Association for the seasons 2019-2024 is still pending.

RESOLVED THAT, the said event will be organized as soon as possible once accorded consent of exact date by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tripura as Chief Guest and Shri Jay Shah Ji, Secretary of BCCI as Special Guest.

c) The period of contract of incumbent consultancy firm "Ratan Kumar Das & Company, Chartered Accountant, Agartala, West Tripura" for Income Tax, TDS filling, e-invoice of players match fee to BCCI, GST return filling etc. expired on 31-03-2024.

Advertisement for engagement of new firm has been floated and may it take time to process the appointment.

Hence, extending the agreement period with Ratan Kumar Das & Company, Chartered Accountant, Agartala, West Tripura" is proposed until the new consultancy firm is appointed for the necessary and urgent works.

RESOLVED to appoint by fresh contract as per statutory requirement until the new consultancy firm is appointed.

d) Mr. Bimal Basfore, Coach of Tripura Cricket Association met a brain stroke and has been suffering from partial paralysis.

He has applied for medical assistance since the situation for bearing the expenses for the treatment is a sky-high expense and is becoming quite hectic for them.

The entire house felt the situation and decided to provide financial support as medical assistance.

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RESOLVED THAT, Mr. Bimal Basfore will be provided 1 (one) Lac only as an advance against his salary and that advance will not be deducted from his next monthly salaries until he recovered from his health condition. The said decision has been made keeping the fact in mind that Mr. Bimal Basfore has low income and to bear such type of expenditure will be too intricate for his family. Contribution of Mr. Basfore to state cricket was recognized by the council.

On the other hand, another two applications had been received by this office. One from the wife of Mr. Debashish Halder (a former national cricketer) who has been suffering from severe heart disease and is undergoing the treatment at Rabindranath Tagore International Institute of cardiac Sciences, Mukundupur, Kolkata and other from the wife of Mr. Ashish Halder (a former national cricketer) who is undergoing the treatment in Medica Super Specialty Hospital, Kolkata.

Presently the situation of bearing the day-to-day household expenses for both of the families is a sky-high and is becoming hectic for them.

RESOLVED THAT, both of them will be provided one-time medical assistance worth INR 1 (one) Lac only each.

The above reflected decisions were taken unanimously by the members present in the meeting and it was also decided to frame a policy for such medical assistance which has become need of the hour, an advisory committee may be formed to do the same.

e) The financial guideline was issued detailing the benefits for Umpires and Scorers appointed for matches held outside their hometowns. Specifically, it states:

"If any Umpire & Scorer would be appointed for any match run by TCA in any sub-division beyond his hometown, they are entitled to free suitable accommodation and dinner. The said arrangements would be made by the respective sub-divisional cricket association and reimbursed by the office of the Tripura Cricket Association upon production of original bills duly certified by the concerned authority of the respective sub-divisional cricket association."

However, it appears that there is no mention of similar provisions for Match Referees or Match Official cum Observers or Spotters, who would also perform their duty as like as other officials in all matches run by TCA. This omission may have been done inadvertently, and it may be crucial to address this gap to ensure parity for all officials.

RESOLVED THAT Match Referees or Match Official cum Observers or Spotters would be appointed for any match run by TCA in any sub-division beyond his hometown, they are entitled to free suitable accommodation and dinner. The said arrangements would be made by the respective sub-divisional cricket association and reimbursed by the office of the Tripura Cricket Association upon production of original bills duly certified by the concerned authority of the respective sub-divisional cricket association.

There being no other further business and/or no content to discuss.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks from the chair to the participants.

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Proposed Support Personnel for MENS' for the BCCI Season 2024-25

	Category: Senior Mens'	
Position	Advertisement may be issued for	Local Recruitee
Coach	Head Coach – Preferably a batting specialist	
	Bowling Coach	Kishore Muhuri
Trainer	Advertisement may be issued	100000
Physio	Advertisement may be issued	
Thrower	A Jayant Ashok may be retained. If he is not available Advertisement may be issued	
Masseur	Vishal Dixit may be retained. If he is not available Advertisement may be issued	

Category: Mens' U-23		
Position	Advertisement may be issued for	Local Recruitee
Coach	Bowling Coach	Jayanta Debnath
Trainer		Rasudeb Datta
Physio		Ajitabha Nath
Thrower		Arpan Kar Jayanta Debnath
Masseur		Niloyjyoti Saha

Category: Mens' U-19		
Position	Head Coach	Local Recruitee
Coach	N. Sharma / Advertisement may be issued	Sandip Banerjee
Trainer	#	Uttam Dev
Physio	4 6 7 1	Rajesh Kr. Modak

Category: Mens' U-16		
Position	Advertisement may be issued for	Local Recruitee
Coach		Alak Debroy &
Trainer	Advertisement may be issued	Biswajit Dey
Physio		Suhag Ch. Saha

Apart from that, Mr. Ganesh Satish, Guest Cricketer from 2023-24 season, subject to his availability.

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ANNEXURE-II Proposed Support Personnel for WOMENS' for the BCCI Season 2024-25

Category: Senior Womens'		
Position	Advertisement may be issued for	Local Recruitee
Coach		Narayan Ch. Deb (Head Coach) Ruma Das
Trainer		Harshita Krishnamurty
Physio		Hirali Debbarma

Category: Womens' U-23		
Position	Advertisement may be issued for	Local Recruitee
Coach		Srabani Debnath (Head Coach) Debabrata Choudhury
Trainer		Harshita Krishnamurty
Physio		Papiya Debnath

	Category: Womens' U-19	
Position	Advertisement may be issued for	Local Recruitee
Coach	Advertisement for One Coach (Preferably Female) may be issued	Anup Kumar Das
Trainer		Sukhendu Dey
Physio		Misti Deb

Category: Womens' U-15		
Position	Advertisement may be issued for	Local Recruitee
Coach		Tapan Kr. Deb (Head Coach) Mampi Debnath Indrajit Ghosh
Trainer		Bapi Biswas
Physio		Hirali Debbarma

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