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PRESS RELEASE

I have just received several representations with respect to the selection of Mr. Manjot Kalra in the Under 19 DDCA Team.

Manjot Kalra has been playing for DDCA. As per the records with DDCA, the following documents are provided for the purpose of verification of age by the concerned player:

- a. Photocopy of the birth certification issued by MCD on 24-2-2009 which records date of birth as "15-1-1999"
- b. Photocopy of the passport issued on 2-5-2011 which records date of birth as "15-1-1999"
- c. Photocopy of BCCI Medical Report undertaken for Under 16 tournament where his chronological age and bone age;
- d. Photocopy of the Under 14 Registration Form dated 10-9-2012 submitted by him which records his date of birth as 15-1-1999. The form also mention that he is studying at Lancers Convent School, Rohini

Today, Mr. Kalra has also provided the following documents in support of his age:

- a. Original grade sheet issued by CBSE with respect to the IX and Xth standard (seen in original) which records date of birth as on '15-1-1999'
- b. Photocopy of the Aadhar card without date of birth but which records the year of birth as 1999

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- c. Photocopy of PAN card which records birth as "15-1-1999'
- d. Photocopy of passport issued on 21-4-2016 which records date of birth as '15-1-1999'

I have received a representation from another players parent with respect to certain documents that seem to indicate a different age for Mr. Manjot Kalra:-

- a. Photocopy of birth certificate issued by GNCTD which does not advert to Mr. Kalras name but refers to a male born on 15-1-1998 at Northend Medical Centre, son of Parveen Kumar and Ranjeet and which is a certificate provided after being taken from the original record;
- b. Photocopy of FIR filed by Mr. Kirti Azad
- c. Photocopy of School Leaving certificate from Lancers Convent, Rohini dated 12-9-2012 recording one Manjot Kalra son of Praveen Kumar whose date of birth is recorded as 15-1-1998
- d. Photocopy of a letter issued to the general public by Lancers Convent stating that as per school records his date of birth s 15-1-1998

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The Sports Officer, DDCA has informed us that as per BCCI Rules to qualify to play for the "Under 19", the player must be born on/after 1-9-1998.

My representatives also spoke with the IO, Crime Branch and the DCP Mr. Rajesh Dev, with respect to the status of the FIR no. 312/2015. Mr. Dev said it would not be possible to tell us about the status of the investigation but mentioned that no charge-sheet has been filed as on date.

BCCI has informed the undersigned that they have accepted the age of Mr. Manjot Kalra as 15-1-1999 after verification done by them.

It cannot be presumed at this stage, that the documents submitted by Mr. Kalra are incorrect. It is indeed a matter of regret that FIR No. 312 /2015 regarding the age verification complaint is still pending. It does not advance the cause of sports in general and cricket in particular. Since this FIR has been pending for some considerable time, DDCA is left with no alternative but to make their own investigations. It is deemed appropriate, that Mr. Manjot Kalra will be asked to undergo a medical test.

We are also in the process of verifying the age of the remaining players in all the categories.

Justice Sen, Administrator DDCA