BEFORE JUSTICE DEEPAK VERMA (RETD.) OMBUDSMAN DELHI & DISTRICT CRICKET ASSOCIATION

ORDER DATED 20.03.2020

- 1. I am in receipt of the Emails dated 17.03.2020 sent by Mr. Sanjay Bhardwaj (Member of Finance and Infra Committee, DDCA) wherein serious allegations of fraud within DDCA have been highlighted with respect to a Contractor named MS JANGID JV. I am also in receipt of the subsequent mails which are related to above-mentioned allegations of fraud, sent by Mr. Rajan Manchanda (Joint Secretary, DDCA), Mr. Saurabh Chadha (erstwhile Standing Counsel of DDCA), Neeraj Sharma (Manager, Admin & Infra) and Mr. Gautam Dutta (Standing Counsel of DDCA).
- 2. Vide my Order dated 15.03.2020, I had directed Apex Council to provide me with all the documents in relation to the Contractor (MS JANGID JV), however, till date I have not received any document regarding the same. Moreover, in the communication(s) received from various officials of DDCA, everyone is playing a blame game and blaming other officials. None of the DDCA Official has been able to provide a clearer picture in this regard (i.e. in whose possession the abovementioned documents are).
- 3. Looking at the serious nature of Fraud alleged by officials of DDCA, it is imperative that a Forensic Audit of the accounts of Company (DDCA) be conducted in order to extract the whole truth. In light of this, I direct that a Forensic Audit of DDCA Accounts statement for the last 5 years (procedure followed in legal proceedings) be done as soon as possible.
- 4. In this regard, I have already contacted M/s. Anil Aggarwal & Co., Chartered Accountants, who has an experience of more than 20 years in this field. In order for them to conduct a Forensic Audit of DDCA's accounts, they have requested to provide the following documents on urgent basis:
 - i. Balance Sheet for the relevant period (Financial year 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18 & 2018-19)
 - ii. Memorandum of Understanding / Articles of Association / Incorporation documents
 - iii. Minutes for the relevant period
 - iv. Name & Address of the key personnel
 - v. ITR for the relevant period

- 5. I would like to point out that, since the Complaints were primarily made against the Agreement dated 10.12.2020 (alleged Agreement between DDCA & MSL JANGID JV), it would be proper to conduct the Forensic Audit in relation to the said Agreement first followed by detailed and comprehensive Forensic Audit of the entire DDCA Account. Forensic Audit with respect to Agreement with MS JANGID JV shall be completed expeditiously and preferably within 2-4 weeks from the date of this Order.
- 6. Vide my previous Emails, I had requested Apex Council to provide me with all the financial details of DDCA Accounts, however the same has also not been done till date. I direct the Apex Council to provide the above-mentioned documents within 7 days from today, positively. In my previous directions, I had directed Mr. Rakesh Bansal (Vice President, DDCA) to oversee the entire process, however, it has been brought to my notice that he has been suspended vide 29.02.2020 passed by Ld. ADJ. Therefore, I now authorise, Mr. Vinod Tihara (Secretary, DDCA) to oversee the entire process and make sure that all the documents mentioned above are positively provided/sent to me within 7 days from today's date.
- 7. It is also deemed fit and proper that for the purpose of assistance to the auditor, I hereby appoint Mr. Gautam Dutta as person in-charge to ensure all the compliances. Mr. Gautam Dutta is further directed to file before me a weekly compliance report of the directions mentioned above.
- 8. It is also directed that no Director would try to influence any staff of DDCA and/or interfere with the work of Auditors. Moreover, all the necessary cooperation shall be rendered to the auditors, otherwise it would be deemed as contempt of this Order.

Regards

Justice Deepak Verma (Retd.)

Ombudsman, DDCA