

**BEFORE JUSTICE DEEPAK VERMA (RETD.), OMBUDSMAN
DELHI & DISTRICT CRICKET ASSOCIATION
HEARD (THROUGH VIDEO CONFERENCING) ON 04.07.2020
BETWEEN 12 PM TO 12:35 PM, JABALPUR (MP)**

1. Following Learned Advocates and Members of Apex Council were present in today's Meeting of Apex Council:

- i. Mr. Rakesh Bansal (Vice President)
- ii. Mr. Vinod Tihara – Secretary / Director
- iii. Mr. Rajan Manchanda – Joint Secretary (Disqualified)
- iv. Mr. Ankur Chawla - Advocate
- v. Mr. Gautam Dutta - Advocate
- vi. Mr. Sanjay Bhardwaj – Director (Cricket)
- vii. Ms. Renu Khanna – Director
- viii. Mr. S.N. Sharma – Director
- ix. Mr. V.K Rao – Director
- x. Ms. Anjali Sharma
- xi. Mr. Tilak Raj Sharma
- xii. Mr. Sudhir Kumar Agrawal
- xiii. Mr. Alok Mittal
- xiv. Mr. Apurv Jain
- xv. Mr. Nitin Gupta

2. On 22.06.2020, an Emergent Meeting of the Apex Council had taken place to comply with the directions issued by Hon'ble High Court of Delhi to hold Elections. In furtherance of the same, Apex Council vide Item No. 9 of the Minutes of Meeting resolved as follows:

“Resolved that, the assent of the Apex Council is hereby accorded to the Hon'ble Ombudsman to fix, date, place and time for holding “draw of lots” to ascertain the name of the Directors who would retire by rotation in compliance of the Order of the Hon'ble Delhi High Court in FAO no. 92/2020.”

3. The above-mentioned Minutes were sent to me and after going through the same, and in order to initiate the process of Elections, I had sent an Email dated 29.06.2020, wherein all the Apex Council members were invited to join a Video Conference on 01.07.2020. The purpose of calling all the Apex Council members was to carry out the draw of lots, discuss the Agenda of Elections and accordingly fix a suitable date for the said Elections. However, since a draw of lots had to be done in an Apex Council meeting, I proposed to Mr. Vinod Tihara (Secretary) to call for a Apex Council Meeting wherein Apex Council can invite me as a “Special Invitee” through Video Conference and then the draw of lots can be conducted.
4. In pursuance of the above, an Apex Council Meeting (through Video Conference) was called today, wherein I had joined as “Special Invitee”. As soon as I joined, I requested the Secretary of DDCA to make sure that minutes of the Meeting are being recorded and video graphed for reference and future purposes. Furthermore, I made it clear to everyone that draw of lots is being carried out in pursuance of the Consent Order dated 17.06.2020 passed by Hon’ble High Court of Delhi.
5. Thereafter, I proceeded with showing all the participants of the meeting the following:
 - i. A clear and transparent bowl, wherein chits (with names of 5 Directors) were kept.
 - ii. Individual chit (with name of every Director i.e. Mr. Alok Mittal, Mr. S. N. Sharma, Mr. Apurv Jain, Mr. Nitin Gupta and Mr. S.K. Agarwal). All the chits were of the same size & colour, they were folded and kept in the bowl in front of everyone.
6. Since out of five directors, 4 Directors had to retire by rotation, I proposed that, instead of taking out 4 chits, I will pick only one chit and whosoever’s name comes, will remain in the Apex Council and rest will stand retired. Before

drawing the lot/chit, prior approval of everyone present was taken and a chit was drawn by me. The name which came up was of Mr. S.N. Sharma.

7. In light of Para 6 mentioned above, Mr. S.N. Sharma is retained in the Apex Council as Director and the rest of the 4 Directors (i.e. Mr. Sudhir Kumar Agarwal, Mr. Apurv Jain, Mr. Alok Mittal and Mr. Nitin Gupta) stand retired from the Apex Council. In pursuance hereof, post(s) of 4 Director(s) stand vacant in Apex Council of DDCA.
8. After the draw of the lots, a point was raised that I have to pass an Order for issuing Notice of EGM, Agenda therein and the date of such elections. It was intimated to all present by me that, a meeting with Mr. Navin Chawla (Electoral Officer) was held yesterday, which was also joined by Mr. S.K. Mendiratta (Ex-Legal Advisor, ECI) and Mr. K.F. Wilfred (Ex Principal Secretary, ECI). Mr. S.K. Mendiratta and Mr. K.F. Wilfred, will be assisting Mr. Navin Chawla in conducting the Elections. The said meeting continued for over one hour.
9. In the said meeting, various modalities with respect to Elections were discussed and a common consensus after the meeting was that, time period of 6 weeks prescribed by Hon'ble High Court of Delhi is too short and DDCA may have to move to High Court for extension of time. It was further informed to everyone that, a meeting has again been scheduled with Mr. Navin Chawla and his team on Tuesday i.e. 07.07.2020, to further discuss regarding the Elections. Notice(s), Agenda and Date of Elections shall be intimated to everyone after this meeting on 07.07.2020.
10. It was also intimated to everyone that if Apex Council or any member of Apex Council has a suggestion with regard to conduct of Elections, they can forward the same to me and Mr. Navin Chawla, before 07.07.2020 and the same shall be considered in the meeting dated 07.07.2020, with Mr. Chawla and his team.

11. In view of the above, Election Process is hereby initiated by carrying out draw of lots. Date, Notice & Agenda of the Elections shall be intimated to each member of DDCA after consulting with the Electoral Officer and his team.
12. It is made clear to all that, I will not be charging any fees even for today's Meeting of Apex Council. Similarly, I have not raised any Bill for the last 3 Hearings/Meetings held on 01.07.2020, 03.07.2020 and 04.07.2020. Moreover, no charges have been raised even for the meeting (dated 03.07.2020) with Mr. Navin Chawla ji.

Date - 04.07.2020

Place – Jabalpur

Justice Deepak Verma
Ombudsman
DDCA