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Dear all,

1. The Committee of Administrators has received compliance certificates from 27 (twenty seven) State Associations and is in the process of filing a status report before the Hon'ble Supreme Court with reference to the compliance undertaken by the State Associations.
2. Whilst scrutinizing the respective amended constitutions of various State Associations, the Committee of Administrators has observed that there is considerable variance between the membership structures of different State Association. Some State Associations have only individuals as members without any representation given to the affiliated clubs or district associations, others have only district associations as members, still others have a combination of individuals, clubs and/or district associations as member.
3. In this regard, your attention is invited to Rule 3(b)(1)(iii) of the Memorandum of Association and Rules and Regulations of BCCI registered on 21st August 2018 ("**BCCI Constitution**") which requires all State Associations to grant automatic membership to former international players hailing from the State.

4. Your attention is also invited to the following extract from Chapter Ten of the Report of the Hon'ble Justice Lodha Committee ("**Lodha Committee Report**") which is titled 'Constitution & Functioning of Members' and provides guidance on the recommended membership structure for State Associations:

"Problems

a. Membership & Privileges

Some Member Associations have clubs and individuals as members, some have only clubs as members and others have individuals and patrons as members. There does not seem to be any guideline or basis for membership, and these seem to be ad-hoc, often at the pleasure of the incumbents. Where clubs are members, a few powerful interests control several cricket clubs, thereby positioning themselves for easy election with a sizeable chunk of the convenient electorate. New entrants are discouraged or muzzled out of contention. Some associations exclude even former Indian cricketers from membership (including legendary performers), without any basis, and ensure that the association functions more as a social club controlled by a few families. The priority often seems to be to have an exclusive venue with bar and dining facilities with other recreational avenues for the members, and not the promotion of cricket. Tickets to games are also distributed as largesse among members as entitlement, thereby shrinking their availability to the public at large. ...

b. ...

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Solutions

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*Therefore, it is necessary that there is uniformity in the constitution and functioning of the various associations (without any office being created for life), that **membership of social clubs be divorced from the administration of cricket** which is a sombre task, that cricketers be made members and have a say in the governance and that the management is made professional. ..."*

(emphasis supplied)

5. You are requested to confirm that your respective membership structures are in conformity with the aforesaid recommendations contained in the Lodha Committee Report, specifically that membership of any social clubs has been divorced from the administration of cricket.

Thanking you.

Yours faithfully,

The Supreme Court Appointed Committee of Administrators