

CODE TO SEEK INFORMATION FROM THE ASSOCIATION (APPLICABLE ONLY FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION)

PREFACE

A member of the Association may require certain information from the Association pertaining to its affairs / activities. It is hence necessary to have certain guidelines on this aspect.

While the association believes in transparency, what information can be shared statutorily should be known to all, including the member, so that there is no ambiguity within the members and the Management about sharing of the information.

It may happen that the office bearers / Apex Council members are bombarded with all petty issues, and / or of documents and records to score interpersonal issues. With the spectrum of activities increasing manifold, responding to petty or inconsequential demands consumes time and energy - which in turn could be utilised for development of the game of cricket.

If a member wants any explanation, the same can be asked for during AGM in accordance with the provisions and the same can be addressed. Apex Council is an elected body by the members and have the trust of the house and hence there should be norms to consider any requirement expressed by members with regard to information

While the association deeply values suggestions and contribution of the members to the extent of being related to cricket and cricket improvement. The demand of information, unless being of urgent nature, should be as per some code that is adopted by the association. Moreover, we must put into place a code with respect to what information whoever wants to have from us should be through a hassle free process.

CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS

The following provisions relate to the transparency and the privileges of members with regard to the information they are to be provided.

Provision 8 (5) of the constitution of the association provides for the documents that needs to be provided to the members 21 days prior to the Annual General Meeting. Such documents are as follows

1. Copies of the Minutes of the previous meeting or meetings to be confirmed at the Annual General Meeting.
2. Copies of audited Statement of Accounts to be adopted and to be passed at the Annual General Meeting.

3. Copies of the Audited Statement of Accounts of any tour or tours.
4. Treasurer's Reports and the Annual Budget.
5. Report of the Ombudsman; and
6. Copies of all the documents and papers having a reference to any item on the Agenda of the General Meeting.

Further more Provision 37 of the constitution relates to Transparency and provides for information and /or documents to be placed on website of the association for viewing it for the general public. Since it shall be on the website of the association it is also the privilege of the members of the association.

Apart from the above two provisions, there seems to be no such provisions by which the association can provide any such information to the members.

PROCESS TO SEEK INFORMATION BY MEMBERS

The Members of the association have the privilege and rights as enshrined in the constitution, whereas when a member approaches the association he/she can be provided information in relation to systems/ rules/ norms/ etc to the best possible extent. But every demand for information / record / documents that relates to any irrelevant and unrelated issue cannot be entertained.

Further, the member seeking information should validly express the objective and reason why the information is required, how it relates to the cricketing performance of the association or the criticality if the issue is of a non-cricketing nature and such information should have a finite and reasonable period.

For any information, such member shall first approach Hon. Secretary with above details. If deemed appropriate and within the parameters of the constitution, the information shall be provided with an understanding that such details should not be divulged to any other person, agency, institution etc.

If not satisfied with response from the Hon. Secretary, the concerned member may approach the President to place his requirement to the Apex Council.

If not satisfied with response from the Apex Council, such member may submit his requisition in the Annual General Body meeting and the same has to be put up before the general body for approval.

part from providing information as per strict straight jacket application of provision of constitution, the Management shall ensure to maintain ethical standards specially regarding any non disclosure with any service provider / vendor / partner, also the management shall consider limitation of database and reasonability of the data sought along with its purpose.

It is also pertinent to mention here that the State Cricket Association does not fall within the ambit of the Right to Information Act and therefore, under the garb of being a member and the privilege to ask for information cannot be misused.

The management shall have the Right to redact / obfuscation of data if need be, which shall be the discretion of the Hon. Secretray / Apex Council / General Body as the need be.

The management shall also have the right to Refuse the demand in case of demand being an inconsequential information.

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