

**Minutes of Meeting of the Annual General Body of All India Football Federation held on 20<sup>th</sup> December, 2018 at 4 P.M. at Football House, Sector-19, Dwarka, New Delhi.**

The General Secretary welcomed all the members present in the Annual General Body Meeting of All India Football Federation. He also welcomed all the invitees including observers from FIFA RDO, AFC, Auditors from S.S. Kothari Mehta & Co., and representatives from FSDL, Six5six, Nivia & Cosco.

**Agenda a.** The General Secretary declared that the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of All India Football Federation (AIFF) has been convened and composed in compliance with the AIFF Statutes.

**Agenda b.: Roll Call**

Mr. Kushal Das, General Secretary, informed the meeting that out of 34 Member Associations, two Associate Members and two provisional members, 33 Member Associations and two Associated Members and two provisional members were present. He further stated that Nagaland Football Association is not eligible to vote as per Article 15(5) for not participating in the required number of AIFF competitions. Leave of absence was granted to Rajasthan Football Association. The quorum was fulfilled. The list of attendees is as given under:

S.No.	Members
1.	Mr. Kipa Ajay- Hony Secretary, Arunachal Pradesh Football Association
2.	Mr. Tahir Ali-Hony Secretary Andaman & Nicobar Football Association

3. Mr. Gopalakrishna Kosaraju- President, Andhra Pradesh Football Association
4. Mr. Ankur Dutta- Hony Secretary, Assam Football Association
5. Mr. S. Imtiaz Husain- Hony. Secretary, Bihar Football Association
6. Mr. K.P.Singh - President, Chandigarh Football Association
7. Dr. G.D. Gandhi, Hony. General Secretary Chhattisgarh Football Association
8. Mr. Franco Miranda-General Secretary, Daman & Diu Football Association
9. Mr. Shaji Prabhakaran- President, Delhi Soccer Association
10. Mr. Lavinio Jude Rebello- Representative Goa Football Association
11. Mr. Philip Job- Treasurer, Gujarat State Football Association
12. Mr. Lalit Chaudhary- General Secretary, Haryana Football Association
13. Mr. Suresh Kumar Representative Himachal Pradesh Football Association
14. Mr. Kaushik Basu- Hony. Jt. Asst. Secy., The Indian Football Association (WB)
15. Mr. B.A. Shah - Hony. General Secretary, The Jammu & Kashmir Football Association
16. Mr. Kaif Rabbani Representative Jharkhand Football Association
17. Mr. N.A.Haris- President, Karnataka State Football Association
18. Mr. Anil Kumar P. - General Secretary, Kerala Football Association
19. Mr. Trilok Chand Kochar - President, Madhya Pradesh Football Association
20. Mr. K.I. Nizamuddin - General Secretary, Lakshadweep Football Association (Provisional)
21. Mr. S Sanatomba Singh - President, All Manipur Football Association
22. Mr. Dipshon Ryntathiang - Jt. Secretary, Meghalaya Football Association

23. Mr. Lalsawma Pachuau - Vice President, Mizoram Football Association
24. Mr. K. Neibou Sekhose - Hony Secretary, Nagaland Football Association
25. Mr. Avijit Paul - Jt. Secretary Football Association of Odisha
26. Mr. S. Dhanasegar - Hony. Secretary, Pondicherry Football Association
27. Mr. Harjinder Singh - Hony. Secretary, Punjab Football Association
28. Mrs. Rekha Yadav - Secretary, Railways Sports Promotion Board (RSPB)
29. Mr. Nanga T. Bhutia - General Secretary, Sikkim Football Association
30. Lt. Col. R. Richardson -Representative Services Sports Control Board (SSCB)
31. Mr. K. Radha Krishnan -Vice President, Tamilnadu Football Association
32. Mr. G.P. Palguna - Hony. Secretary, Telangana Football Association (Provisional Member Association)
33. Mr. Ratan Saha - President, Tripura Football Association.
34. Mr. Arif Ali - Hony. General Secretary, Uttarakhand State Football Association
35. Mr. Mohd. Shamsuddin - Hony Secretary, Uttar Pradesh Football Sangh
36. Mr. Souter Vaz - Hon. Secretary, The Western India Football Association.
37. Mr Navelle Quintall , Hony Secretary :Football Association of Dadar & Nagar Haveli

Leave of Absence (LOA)

38. Rajasthan Football Association

## **Special Invitees**

1. Mr. Prince Rufus, FIFA, RDO
2. Mr. Puroshattam Kattel -AFC Observer
3. Mr. Rakesh Gupta, Jt Secretary Indian Olympic Association (IOA Observer)
4. Mr. Chirag Tanna, FSDL
5. Mr. Rochak Langer, FSDL
6. Mr. Ambar Aneja, Six5Six
7. Mr. Kishore Thapar, Nivia
8. Mr. Rupinder Singh, Nivia
9. Mr. N.K. Jain, MD, Cosco (India) Ltd.
10. Mr. Sunil Wahal, Auditor, S.S.Kothari Mehta & Co.
11. Mr. Amit Goel, Auditor, S.S.Kothari Mehta & Co.

## **Agenda c. Approval of the Agenda**

The General Secretary informed the members that as per the requirement of FIFA, it is proposed for the amendment in the agenda of the AGM to include for consideration and approval thereon, the Contracts of Agreed Objectives (COA) and the projects implemented therein under the FIFA Forward Program for 2016-18 and 2019-22. After discussion, the Agenda of AGM along with amendment was passed unanimously.

***Agenda d. Address by the President (Chairman):***

Mr. Praful Patel, President warmly welcomed all the Member Associations' representatives, members of the Executive Committee, all invited dignitaries and members of the AIFF football family to the Annual General Meeting of AIFF. He continued his address as follows:

“We have witnessed lot of football activities and initiatives in the past one year by AIFF and the State Associations. The Indian Football Team is continuously performing very well with string of victories and improved its FIFA ranking remarkably. We wish the Indian Football Team the very best in their endeavors and specifically in the Asian Cup which is starting in UAE next month. We hope the Team will come out with flying colors and play exceedingly well. We, on behalf of AIFF and all of you, wish all the very best to the India Team to bring laurels for India in the AFC Asian Cup 2019”.

“The Indian Super League (ISL) is now a full-fledged league with the approval of FIFA and AFC. The I-League is also the recognized league and with the two leagues, we are trying to make the process more coherent. The overall scenario of Indian Football is satisfactory and the interest in football is growing. We want participation in football from all the states. The success of I-League matches in Kashmir is a good sign, even if there are disturbances, it is a proof that football can overcome so many problems and it can play an important role for peace. Football is a great unifier and very popular and we are proud of that”.

“FIFA U-17 World Cup 2017 organized by AIFF is the best organized U-17 World Cup ever and the attendance was at a record high. Everybody including FIFA and AFC lauded our efforts in holding a spectacular U-17 World Cup. It was a very proud moment for India.

Now gradually football infrastructure in India is improving. There are also some structural changes taking place for good of Indian Football. However, we have to do much more in the future. In women's football also lot of activities are taking place and we have to support women football in India in the same way like men's football. Now in Youth League, there are lot of teams participating which is a very good sign. We are sending our youth national teams outside India for exposure which is bringing a lot of confidence in them. The Baby League has already been started in India and encouraging feedback is coming from across the country. We are going to set up a National Centre of Excellence (NCE) in Kolkata. We are thankful to the West Bengal Government that it has allotted 15 acres of prime land in the central place of Kolkata for the purpose. We have to generate funds from Corporates, FIFA, AFC and others to complete the NCE by the end of 2020”.

“I thank all of you for the great support and hope you will continue to do so in the future. I can assure you, with your support, we will do everything possible to make India a great footballing nation.”

Thereafter, the President informed the members that Mr. P.R. Dasmunsi, who was the former President of AIFF, left for his heavenly abode on 17 November 2017. He was a great personality not only for Indian Football but also for India being a cabinet minister of the Union Government. He further added that he along with AIFF and all of you pay our sincere homage to the great soul by observing a minute's silence. The General Body then observed a minute's silence. Also the following resolution was adopted:

*“We condole the loss of Mr Priya Ranjan Dasmunsi , a great personality who was ever ready to uplift Indian Football and whose utmost endeavors were exerted for welfare and prosperity of Indian Football;*

*a friend, companion and guide who was dear to us all; a nationalist whose dedication and noble life was a standard of emulation to his colleagues Our heartfelt sympathy be extended to his family in their affliction”*

Thereafter the President also condoled the death of other football personalities in the last two years including Mr Peter Vellapan ,Former AFC Secretary General & Mr Ranjit Roy ,General Secretary All Manipur Football Association who were involved with Indian Football.

**Agenda e :** The General Secretary proposed the names of Mr. Souter Vaz, Hony. Secretary, The Western India Football Association, Mr. Franco Miranda, General Secretary, Daman & Diu Football Association and Mr. G.P. Palguna, Hony Secretary, Telangana Football Association to check the minutes of this AGM. This was approved unanimously.

**Agenda f & g: Not applicable**

**Agenda h:** Approval of the minutes of meeting of last AGM and SGM

The General Secretary informed the members that the minutes of the last AGM and SGM were circulated along with the Annual Reports. After discussion thereon, the minutes of those meetings were approved unanimously.

**Agenda i: Activity Report**

The General Secretary mentioned to the members that the preceding two years were eventful and successful. He further added that the detailed Activity Report is given to all the Members but highlighted some important events as follows:

He informed that the FIFA U-17 World Cup 2017, which was organized by India, was a watershed event in the history of Indian Football. The

India edition of U-17 World Cup was the highest attended with 1.3 million spectators for total 52 matches and total goals scored were 182. The Mission XI million program was launched before the start of the U-17 World Cup which was the largest contact program touching more than 11 million children from over 22000 schools in 36 cities. The General Secretary added that keeping in mind the success of Mission XI million, we are planning another school program with FIFA as a pilot project.

He also mentioned that AIFF has set up a High Performance Centre in Bhubaneswar in the State of Odisha, housing U-15 Boys National Team and the Indian Arrows team with the support of the Odisha Government. He acknowledged and thanked the Odisha Government for their support and help in creating the high performance center.

He further informed that AIFF has integrated the FIFA Connect system, through which more than 62,000 players registered in CRS will get a FIFA ID and India is only the 22<sup>nd</sup> country in the world to implement it. The AIFF is also focusing on grassroots football and youth football. The Baby League has been launched officially and 170 Baby Leagues across India, are registered with AIFF. Under State Development Programme, 11 Development Officers are appointed for 11 states who are working on development of various areas in football in their respective states. Under Academy Accreditation programme , the increase in number of accredited academies has been quite significant over the years and a very significant development will be the introduction of the training compensation for academies and clubs. He briefed on the 'Scoutme' app as well which was launched for scouting of players and more than 29,000 players are enrolled through the app and lots of scouting reports are generated which are of great help and the same will be continued in future also.



Thereafter the General Secretary highlighted some key performances of the Indian Team and clubs in various international events. He specifically mentioned that the Indian Women's team qualified for the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of Olympic qualifiers for the first time. He also mentioned that the Asian Cup 2019 will start next month and India will play its first match on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2019 in Abu Dhabi.

He added that according to the new Coaching Convention, AIFF will now oversee C License courses on its own B and A License coaching courses will be conducted in three modules starting from 2019.

Mr Das read out the Roll of Honour of various national championships and club championships held in the last two years.

Mr. Ankur Dutta asked about the tournament 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat' in which two states were supposed to play as one team. He further added that his State had booked tickets but at the last minute the tournament was cancelled. The General Secretary replied that it was a tournament by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (MYAS) and AIFF was only helping MYAS in a limited perspective. He also said that the tournament was cancelled by MYAS at the last minute and hopefully the tournament may take place the next year.

### **Agenda j & k: Presentation and Adoption of Audited Accounts**

The General Secretary informed that the audited accounts along with Auditors' Reports thereon for the year 2016-17 and 2017-18 were approved by the Finance Committee and Executive Committee and circulated to all the Members well in time. After discussion thereon, the following resolution was passed unanimously:

*“RESOLVED THAT the Income and Expenditure Accounts for the period ended 31 March 2017 and 31*

*March 2018 and the Balance Sheets as on that dates along with Auditors' Reports thereon be and are hereby received and adopted.”*

### **Agenda l: Approval of the Budget**

The General Secretary informed that the Budget for the year 2016-17 and 2017-18 were approved by the Finance Committee and Executive Committee and placed in the meeting for consideration and approval. After discussion thereon, the Budget for the year 2016-17 and 2017-18 were passed unanimously.

### **Membership Fee:**

The General Secretary informed that the Membership Fee was raised in the amended Constitution to Rs. 10,000 for Permanent and Provisional members and Rs.1,00,000 for Associate members and the said amendment was ratified in the Special General Body Meeting held on 8 June 2017. He further added that however as per Article 64(2) of the Constitution the said increase in Membership Fee recommended by the Executive Committee needs approval of the members in this AGM. After discussion thereon the increase in the Membership Fee was approved unanimously.

### **Agenda m: Admission for Membership**

A)The General Secretary informed the members that Union Territory of Dadra and Nagar Haveli has applied for membership of AIFF and after going through the due process the Executive Committee has recommended its provisional membership. After that, the members unanimously passed the following resolution:

*“RESOLVED THAT as per Article 26(2)(m) read with Article 1 and 2 of the Regulations Governing the application of the Statues*

*of the Constitution of All India Football Federation (AIFF) and in view of the recommendation of the Executive Committee, Football Association of Union Territory of Dadra & Nagar Haveli be and is hereby approved for admission as a provisional member of AIFF.”*

B) Then he said that Telangana Football Association was granted provisional affiliation in June 2015. The Association had sought permanent affiliation as they have completed three years of provisional affiliation. The Executive Committee had unanimously recommended to grant permanent affiliation to Telangana Football Association to the General Body of AIFF.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

*“RESOLVED THAT under Article 11(3) of the Constitution of All India Football Federation (AIFF), Telangana Football Association who has completed more than two years as provisional member and recommended by the Executive Committee be and is hereby approved as a permanent member of AIFF”*

### **Agenda n: Discussion of Proposals submitted by the Members**

The General Secretary requested Mr. G.P. Palguna, Hony. Secretary of Telangana Football

Association to put forward his points. Mr. G.P. Palguna said that Services Sports Control Board is being put in the South Zone in national football championships for last Four years instead of on rotation. The President of Andhra Pradesh Football Association also supported the same. The General Secretary replied that the point is noted and will be put before the Competition Committee for consideration of the same.

Mr. Palguna also stated that in the Junior and Sub-Junior tournaments, there were no scouts appointed for qualifying rounds. The scouts came only for final round. The General Secretary replied by saying that scouts were deputed for those tournaments and five boys were selected from South Zone. Then he asked Mr. Abhishek Yadav who is in charge of Scouting to brief on the matter in detail. Mr. Abhishek Yadav said that they were sending scouts for all the tournaments however, as a precaution, we don't inform the respective state associations in all cases. Mr. Palguna further added that in preliminary round there was no scouts and when he was merely asked to recommend any deserving boy(s) left out in preliminary round. The President stated that there was no harm in a State Secretary recommending a deserving player and considering the vast size of the country it might not be possible to send scouts sometime. He further added that the point is well taken and will be looked into if there was any lacuna.

Ms. Rekha Yadav of Railways Sports Promotion Board requested to keep the Membership Fee of Railways and Services same as the Permanent members of AIFF, considering the long association with and contribution by both these organizations for, Indian Football. The President stated that the decision was taken through a constitutional process of which Ms. Yadav (RSPB) was also a part. He further added that the decision will remain the same for the time being but can be looked at later

Mr. Shaji Prabhakaran, President of Delhi Soccer Association started by saying that AIFF is on the right track and congratulated AIFF for the achievements under the current leadership. He suggested to have a task force taking one member from each Zone to give proposal to AIFF for state development. The President agreed that the suggestion is a good one. He further added that AIFF is the apex body consisting of Sate

Associations with limited resources. We would like to help State Associations as much as possible but the States should also raise resources locally.

Mr. Philip Job of Gujarat State Football Association suggested that AIFF should create a Sports Infrastructure Fund with 100% exemption for contribution under CSR or otherwise under Income Tax Act and the contribution received from the respective states should be transferred to that State Association for development of infrastructure. On which the President stated that AIFF will happily consider such proposal but he suggested Mr. Philip to send detailed proposal to AIFF to examine the same.

Mr. Tahir Ali of Andaman & Nicobar Football Association mentioned that the football ground constructed with FIFA fund is not being available to conduct football matches and the Administration is doing other activities in the ground. The President agreed that the ground was supposed to be for football and the Administration under contractual obligation to do so. He assured him that AIFF will write and take up the issue with Andaman & Nicobar Administration.

### **Agenda p: Appointment of Auditors:**

The General Secretary informed the members that as the AGM was not held in 2017, the ratification and appointment of Auditors for 2017-18 and 2018-19 respectively to be made by the members in this AGM. M/S S.S. Kothari Mehta & Co, Chartered Accountants being eligible offered themselves for reappointment. Then the following resolution was passed unanimously:

“RESOLVED THAT the appointment of M/S S.S.Kothari Mehta & Co, Chartered Accountants, New Delhi for the period ended 31 March 2018 as statutory auditors be and are hereby ratified at a

remuneration to be fixed and approved by the Finance Committee in consultation with them.”

“RESOLVED FURTHER THAT M/S S.S.Kothari Mehta & Co, Chartered Accountants, New Delhi, be and are hereby appointed as statutory auditors till the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting at a remuneration to be fixed and approved by the Finance Committee in consultation with them.”

**Agenda q, r, s & t: Not applicable**

**Other Items:**

The General Secretary informed the members on Contracts of Agreed Objectives (CAO) document for FIFA Forward Program for 2016-2018 cycle and 2019-2022 cycle. He further briefed on the projects undertaken by AIFF under the FIFA Forward Program for the 2016-2018 cycle:

A) AIFF U-13 League for 2017-18 and 2018-19 for FIFA contribution USD 393,232

*“RESOLVED THAT this Special Project under FIFA Forward Development Program be hereby ratified.”*

B) India – State Development Project for FIFA contribution USD 211,000

*“RESOLVED THAT this Special Project under FIFA Forward Development Program be hereby ratified.”*

C) Baby League 2018 for FIFA contribution USD 250,000

*“RESOLVED THAT this Special Project under FIFA Forward Development Program be hereby ratified.”*

D) National Centre of Excellence, Kolkata- Phase-1 for FIFA contribution USD 449,783.15

*“RESOLVED THAT this Special Project under FIFA Forward Development Program be hereby ratified.”*

E) Indian Women’s League (IWL) for FIFA contribution 2016-2017, 2017-2018 & 2018-2019 for USD 700,000

*“RESOLVED THAT this Special Project under FIFA Forward Development Program be hereby ratified.”*

The Members were further informed about another FIFA assistance for the cycle for 2016-2018 in the form of the India- Equipment Expenses for which an amount of USD 150,000 has been approved by FIFA.

The Members were informed that in the 2019-2022 FIFA cycle, a total of USD 2,000,000 for Special Projects and in particular for infrastructure development and USD 1,000,000 per year for operational expenses will be provided under FIFA Forward and the entire special project fund of USD 2,000,000 for the 2019-2022 cycle would be utilized for the National Center of Excellence at Kolkata.

The General Secretary informed that Mr. Deepak Kumar, the Executive Committee member from the North Zone has not been attending any meeting since last many meetings & attended only one meeting since 2016. Also, he mentioned that Mr. A.R. Khaleel has resigned from the Executive Committee. He appreciated his contribution for Indian Football in various capacity. The President also lauded his rich contribution in last 50 years for Indian Football on which the house concurred with him. Then the following resolution was passed unanimously:

*“RESOLVED that AIFF General Body formally acknowledges and admits its profound appreciation to Mr. A.R. Khaleel for his 50 years of service to the Indian Football.”*

Then it was decided in the meeting that vacancies in the Executive Committee be filled up with permanent invitee from the respective zones and authorized the Executive Committee to finalize the names of the invitee.

Mr. Anil Kumar P of Kerala Football Association wanted to know why no team from Kerala was included in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Division League. Mr. Sunando Dhar, CEO (I-League) was asked to reply on the issue. Mr. Dhar replied that in previous years there was representation from Kerala but this year no club from Kerala passed the licensing criteria and as far as ISL and I-League reserve teams participation in 2<sup>nd</sup> Division league is concerned; the decision was taken in the Executive Committee to that effect.

Mr. Philip John of Gujarat Football Association pointed out that there is no tournament where above 17 age group players can play competitively. There is a big gap between under 17 and Senior tournament viz. Santosh Trophy. In Santosh Trophy there is a ceiling for the lower as well as higher age for five U-21 players. Mr. Anil Kamat, AGS (Competition) explained that there is a lower ceiling of age of two years in Santosh Trophy for U-21 players. Mr. Abhijit Paul of Football Association of Odisha also mentioned that there is no competition between U-17 age-group tournament and Santosh Trophy.

The President stated there is no justification in keeping the lower age ceiling in Santosh Trophy and it was decided to do away with lower ceiling of age in Santosh Trophy tournament. He also mentioned that



AIFF will look in to the possibility of organizing a tournament for U-21 age group on zonal basis.

The President thanked the General Body the constructive and positive discussion by the members and AIFF will try to accommodate all the good suggestions in the larger interest of football. He also informed the members that Indian National Teams have got a new kit sponsor 'SixFiveSix' which was unveiled yesterday.

There being no other business to transact the meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

CHAIRMAN