

**From:** Committee of Administrators <coa@bccci.tv>  
**Sent:** 03 January 2019 19:46  
**To:** Mumbai Cricket Association  
**Cc:** Rahul Johri  
**Subject:** Re: Corrective Amendments for Full Compliance with the Hon'ble Supreme Court's judgment dated 9th August 2018

Dear Sirs,

This has reference to your trailing email dated 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2019 ("**Email**") by which you have *inter alia* sought a clarification with regard to the parameters to identify any club/association as social club.

In this regard, your attention is invited to the following extract from Chapter 10 of the report of the Hon'ble Justice Lodha Committee ("**LC Report**"), which is titled 'Constitution & Functioning of Members':

### **"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. ..."*

(emphasis supplied)

In light of the above, a "social club" is a club whose primary purpose is to provide recreational facilities to its members and not the promotion of cricket. Clubs may promote cricket by fielding teams in local tournaments conducted by the Mumbai Cricket Association ("**MCA**") and/or its affiliated district associations, conducting coaching camps, etc.

Further, the Committee of Administrators has noted your confirmation that the constitution of MCA will be amended as per the corrective amendments communicated to the MCA by the Committee of Administrators vide its email dated 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2018.

The Committee of Administrators has also noted that you intend to conduct the elections of Apex Council of the MCA after receipt of the clarifications with regard to the parameters of a social club.

In this regard, please note that MCA is required to complete the following steps before proceeding towards conducting elections:

1. Incorporate all the further amendments communicated to the MCA by the Committee of Administrators vide the aforementioned email dated 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2018 in the constitution of the MCA and have the same registered with the appropriate authority.
2. Submit a copy of the registered constitution (after incorporating the aforementioned further amendments) to the Committee of Administrators for scrutiny.
3. Respond to the email dated 29<sup>th</sup> October 2018 addressed by the Committee of Administrators and confirm that the membership structure of the MCA is in conformity with the recommendations contained in the LC 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