

MINUTES OF THE EMERGENT APEX COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 1ST APRIL, 2026 AT 6-00 PM AT DR. B.C. ROY CLUB HOUSE, EDEN GARDENS, KOLKATA.

The following Members were present:

1. Mr. Sourav Ganguly – President
2. Mr. Nitish Ranjan Dutta – Vice – President
3. Mr. Bablu Kolay – Hony. Secretary
4. Mr. Madan Mohan Ghosh – Hony. Joint Secretary
5. Mr. Sanjay Das – Hony. Treasurer
6. Mr. Vivek Lohia
7. Mr. Nav Ratan Jhawar
8. Mr. Surajit Lahiri
9. Mr. Ravi Todi
10. Mr. Joydeep Mukherjee
11. Mr. Ravi Todi
12. Mr. Avnindra Kumar Rai
13. Mr. Soumendu Chatterjee
14. Mr. Asis Chakraborty
15. Mr. Goutam Goswami
16. Mr. Pranab Roy
17. Ms Mithu Mukherjee

The meeting commenced as scheduled upon achievement of quorum.

Mr. Sourav Ganguly, President, presided over the meeting and extended a warm welcome to all members present.

Leave of absence granted for: Mr. Koushik Mukherjee / Mr. Shoumik Bose / Ms Nilnjana Bose

The agenda items were taken up in sequence.

AGENDA 1: To discuss over the selection of partner with regard to Bengal Pro T20 League (Season 3).

The Chairman informed the House that the Association had discontinued its agreement with M/s. Arivaa Sports after two years due to payment-related issues. The agency had defaulted on payments to vendors as well as to the Association, which was in violation of the terms of the agreement.

Subsequently, the Association floated tenders for the selection of a League Operations & Commercial Partner for the Bengal Pro T20 League (Season 3). In response, proposals were received from four organizations, namely JSW Sports, TCM, Havas Media India Pvt. Ltd., and Zeus Worldcast Pvt. Ltd.

After a detailed evaluation of all four bidders on both technical and financial parameters, JSW Sports was selected as the exclusive League Operations and Commercial Partner for a period of three years for the organization of the Bengal Pro T20 League. While the other bidders had proposed a combination of sponsorship fees and management fees, JSW Sports quoted only a 10% management fee (excluding GST) on the total franchise fee revenue, making its proposal more commercially viable.

Mr. Pranab Roy enquired about the roles and responsibilities of the CAB and others.

The Chairman informed that JSW Sports has a strong and proven track record in sports and large-scale event management. Their scope of services will include league operations, management of player draft/auction, coordination of commentators and other talent, management of vendors appointed by CAB, oversight of broadcast production, commercialization and sponsorship, broadcast and media management, as well as marketing and fan engagement. JSW Sports will be entitled to a management fee of 10% of the league's operational cost and will not charge any additional incentives or commission on sponsorship revenue.

A detailed presentation covering the evaluation process and financial projections was made before the House.

Mr. Ravi Todi enquired about the revenue expected to be generated by CAB.

The Chairman also clarified that all financial obligations, including vendor payments, will be borne by CAB. A new team will participate in BPL T20 (Season 3), and CAB is expected to receive Rs. 27.5 crore from franchises as participation fees. Sponsorship revenue will be shared between CAB and the franchises based on mutually agreed terms. The franchises will be responsible for player logistics, accommodation, and payments.

Mr. Vivek Lohia enquired whether any disqualification provisions had been incorporated. In response, the Chairman stated that a termination clause has already been included in the agreement.

Mr. Avnindra Kumar Rai expressed concern over the previous non-payment issues by Arivaa Sports and emphasized that CAB should ensure timely payments to all vendors going forward. He also sought clarification on the selection criteria.

In reply, the Chairman assured the House that the evaluation process had been conducted thoroughly with due scrutiny of both technical and financial aspects of all bidders.

Mr. Vivek Lohia further enquired about the review mechanism of the contract, to which the Chairman informed that a review will be conducted annually.

The house unanimously approved M/s. JSW Sports as the exclusive League Operations and Commercial Partner for 3 years.

Thereafter, a detailed vision of a state-of-the-art stadium at Dumurjala was presented, comprising facilities such as a VIP Lounge, Restaurant & Café Area, Rooftop Lounge, VIP Terrace Seating Area, Players' Changing Rooms, among others.

The House was informed that the Dumurjala project would be executed in two phases. The first phase will include a gymnasium, accommodation rooms, parking facilities, an indoor cricket facility, badminton courts, a table tennis area, outdoor practice nets, and an outdoor deck zone, covering approximately 75,000 sq. ft., at an estimated cost of Rs. 73 crore.

The second phase will comprise 26 additional rooms, roof decks, an outdoor multipurpose hall, an outdoor swimming pool, etc., covering approximately 70,000 sq. ft., at an estimated cost of Rs. 35 crore.

Mr. Ravi Todi proposed the establishment of a souvenir shop, sports shop, and museum at Dumurjala. He also suggested setting up one café and one restaurant.

The Chairman opined that reputed hospitality groups such as Taj or Oberoi may be considered for managing the café and restaurant facilities.

Mr. Pranab Roy enquired about the funding mechanism for the overall construction of Dumurjala Stadium.

In response, the Chairman informed that it would be created using surplus funds generated from BPL-2025, the India vs South Africa Test Match, and the World Cup-2026. The money would be utilized for the development of the Dumurjala Cricket Stadium.

The House appreciated the proposed project.

The Chairman further informed that M/s. Grant Thornton has been selected as the Project Management Consultant (PMC) for the redevelopment of Eden Gardens Stadium. Initially, after a rigorous evaluation of tender documents, BDO India emerged as the L1 bidder. However, based on the recommendation of the Finance Committee, negotiations were held with both BDO India and Grant Thornton. During the negotiation process, Grant Thornton agreed to reduce its quoted price and was subsequently awarded the PMC contract for the redevelopment of Eden Gardens Stadium.

On being queried by Mr. Ravi Todi, the Chairman stated that the total project cost for the redevelopment is yet to be finalized.

The Chairman further opined that once the overall project cost is ascertained, the same should be placed before the Apex Council for discussion and approval. A Committee would be formed in this regard.

The House unanimously approved the appointment of Grant Thornton as the PMC for the redevelopment of Eden Gardens Stadium.

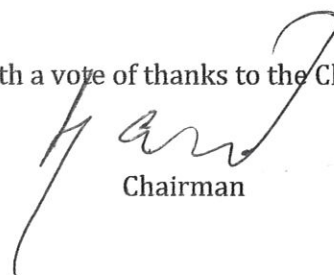
AGENDA 2: Any other business with the permission of the Chair

Mr. Goutam Goswami expressed concern regarding the registration process for U-13 players in the Ambar Roy Sub-Junior Cricket Tournament across districts, citing inadequate infrastructure as a key challenge.

In response, the Chairman informed that prior to the commencement of the next cricket season, all districts would be required to submit details of selected players along with supporting documents. These documents would be verified by CAB, and in case any discrepancies are identified, the respective districts would be duly notified.

There being no other business, the meeting was called to an end with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

Bablu Kalay
Hony. Secretary


Chairman