

Law Commission on BCCI

Why in news?

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The Law Commission of India has recommended some changes with regard to BCCI.

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What are the recommendations?

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- **Public body** - Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) should be declared a public body.

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- The cricket board, as an entity, is permitted by the state to represent the country at the international stage.

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- The ICC (International Cricket Council) recognises BCCI as the 'official' body representing India.

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- It exercises 'state-like' powers in the regulation of cricket.

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- Given these, it should logically come under the definition of 'state.'

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- **RTI** - It should be brought under RTI Act's purview for scrutiny by any citizen.

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- The board and all its member cricket associations should be brought under the Right to Information law regime.

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- **NSF** - The BCCI virtually acts as a National Sports Federation (NSF).

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- Thus, the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports website should explicitly mention BCCI in the list of NSFs.

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- This would automatically bring it within the purview of the RTI Act.

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- The Supreme Court's intervention led to the constitution of the Justice R.M. Lodha Committee some time back.

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- It recommended sweeping reforms in the board's structure and the rules governing its administration.

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- Implementing these reforms at both national and State levels could impart greater transparency in BCCI's functioning.

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- It could lead to an overhaul of cricket administration in India and restore faith in the board and the sport.

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