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CSK Challenges IPL Suspension

CHENNAI (PTI) – The Madras High Court has issued notice to BCCI on a petition by Chennai Super Kings challenging its suspension from the Indian Premier League over a 2013 betting scam involving its official, Gurunath Meiyappan.

A division bench, comprising Chief Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul and Justice T. S. Sivagnanam, also allowed Cricket Association of Bihar, on whose plea the Supreme Court had directed a probe of the betting and spot-fixing scandal, to implead in the case.

In its petition, Chennai-based Indian Cements Ltd., owner of Chennai Super Kings, sought a stay on the Justice Lodha committee's order last month suspending CSK and another IPL team, Rajasthan Royals. The Lodha panel was formed by the Supreme Court and empowered to punish betting by officials of both teams.

India Cements contended that the committee's order was against fundamental principles of natural justice and a fair hearing. In its petition, the company contended that imposing punishment on the franchise without going into the charges or the offence committed was against natural justice.

The refusal of the Justice Lodha committee to examine whether India Cements was guilty of violating clause 4.1.1. of IPL operation rules led to "grave miscarriage of justice," it contended.

The bench said, "We would like to hear the concerned parties on the issue of maintainability of the petition first in the context of the relief sought in the past proceedings and orders passed by the honorable Supreme Court before we proceed to examine the issue on merits."

Dronacharya Award for 5 Coaches

NEW DELHI (IANS) The central government has confirmed the names of five coaches who will be presented the prestigious Dronacharya Award on National Sports Day, observed Aug. 29.

Naval Singh (para-athletics), Anoop Singh (wrestling), Harbans Singh (athletics), Swatantar Raj Singh (boxing) and Nihar Ameen (swimming) will receive the award, which was instituted in 1985.

The award honors coaches who have successfully trained sportspersons or teams, enabling them to achieve outstanding results in international competitions.

Meanwhile, Romeo James (hockey), Shiv Prakash Mishra (tennis) and T.P.P. Nair (volleyball) will be presented the Dhyan Chand Award, instituted in 2002,

COLOMBO (IANS) – Indian spinners Ravichandran Ashwin and Amit Mishra spun a web around Sri Lanka to skittle them out for 134 runs in the second innings and win the second cricket Test by 278 runs here on Aug. 24.

Sri Lanka were 130/9 at lunch with India needing just a wicket to level the series and the hosts could add only four runs to their total in the post-lunch session. With the win, India leveled the three-match series 1-1.

For the visitors, off-spinner Ashwin returned figures of 5-42, while his teammate Mishra, a leggie, grabbed 3-29 to complete India's resounding victory.

Resuming the day at 72 for 2, and chasing a massive target of 413 runs, Sri Lanka suffered an early setback as Umesh Yadav struck with the very first ball of the final day, inducing an edge from Sri Lankan skipper Angelo Mathews (23). Makeshift wicket-keeper Lokesh Rahul, who replaced the injured Wriddhiman Saha, took a brilliant catch diving to his right.

After a brief 19-run partnership between Dinesh Chandimal (15) and overnight batsman Dimuth Karunaratne, Sri Lanka were jolted again. Chandimal perished trying to sweep Mishra, as a fine leg-break crashed into his stumps. With Sri Lanka tottering at 91 for 4, Indian skipper Virat Kohli applied more pressure with several men clustered around the bat. Lahiru Thirimanne (11) tried to break the shackles by hitting a six and then tried replicating the shot against Ashwin, but only managed to poke it to silly point.

After adding just nine more runs to the total, Karunaratne (46), who looked well settled, went back to hit an arm-ball from Ashwin but the delivery managed to sneak through his bat and pad and crashed onto his stumps.

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"Based on the recommendations of the committee and after due scrutiny, the government has approved to confer Dronacharya Awards, Dhyan Chand Awards and Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar for 2015," said a sports ministry release.

"The awardees will receive their awards from the president of India at a specially organized function at the Rashtrapati Bhawan on August 29. Dronacharya Awardees and Dhyan Chand Awardees will receive statuettes, certificates and award money of Rs. 5 lakh (\$7,500) each. Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar awardees will receive certificates and trophies."

Meanwhile, four bodies have been awarded the Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar.

India Win Colombo Test to Level Series With Sri Lanka



Ravichandran Ashwin (r) celebrates after dismissing Sri Lanka's Kumar Sangakkara on the fourth day of the second Test at the P. Sara Oval in Colombo Aug. 23. (Lakruwan Wanniarachchi/AFP/Getty Images)

Brief scores: India 393 (Rahul 108, Rohit 79, Kohli 78, Herath 4-81) and 325 for 8 decl. (Rahane 126, Vijay 82, Prasad 4-43, Kaushal 4-118) beat Sri Lanka 306 (Mathews 102, Thirimanne 62, Mishra 4-43) and 134 (Karunaratne 46, Ashwin 5-42, Mishra 3-29) by 278 runs.

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