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PCA has come to know that some outsider and disgruntled elements are trying to spread misinformation about the functioning of PCA. The association is well known for its organizational skill, promotion of the game and development of infrastructure and imparting of scientific training to cricketers at different districts. This fact is very well acknowledged by BCCI and other member states of the board. PCA's activities in broad are enumerated below in short form:

a) **Coaching plans** : PCA runs 14 regional coaching centers in Punjab and provides all cricketing equipment to the centers like cricket balls, nets, rollers, pitch covers, grass cutting machines for maintenance of the grounds and also pay salaries to the coaches, trainers etc and annual subsidy in three categories for which the PCA incurs annual expenditure of Rs. 3, 12,50,000/-.

b) **Tournaments** : PCA holds state championship in each age group annually in which all facilities are provided to the Punjab players for participation in the inter district tournaments, National Championship and other tournaments of repute for which annual expenditure of Rs. 2,50,00,000/- is spent.

c) PCA is maintaining International structure at Mohali which has won accolades from the various visiting International Teams and the press covering the events.

d) All former first class players who are not covered by the BCCI Platinum Jubilee Monthly Gratis Scheme and have played 10 or more first class matches are paid by the PCA for which a sum of Rs. 18,00,000/- annually is paid.

e) Former first class players who are residing in various districts of Punjab and take keen interest in their local cricketing activities are associated with PCA. PCA's Selection Committee Senior is comprises of former first class players, other cricketing committees like technical, umpiring , ground maintenance etc. are headed by first class players. Managers and Coaches of state teams are also from amongst first class players. One of the PCA's Vice President is a former Punjab Captain while the Honorary General Secretary is also a former first class player who also captained Punjab Team.

f) The Punjab Cricket Association is the only state in the country, which is generating from its own resources funds equal to the grants received from the BCCI. Besides PCA has purchased 42 acres of land for building a New infrastructure with all the modern amenities at New Chandigarh.

g) The accounts of the association are audited by renowned firm of Chartered Accountants and are circulated and voted at the time of Annual General Meeting.

It has been noted that people residing in cosmopolitans are spreading misinformation to cricket lovers in region. PCA has no place for such disgruntled people from outside the state. It is made very clear that the functioning of PCA is very transparent and any misinformation given by any irresponsible person without facts will compel PCA to take recourse to legal action against the person.