

## Bindra against money clout to dominate world cricket

The principal advisor-designate of the International Cricket Council (ICC) Inderjit Singh Bindra said Friday that the money clout of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) would not be used to dominate world cricket.

'We fought against domination of world cricket over the years by one or two countries. Even though India generates 85 percent of funds in world cricket today, we will not allow India's domination to take place in ICC or in the game,' Bindra told reporters here Friday as he announced his plans to take up his new assignment with the ICC at its Dubai headquarters July this year.

Bindra said that as advisor to the ICC, his focus would be on organizing the 2011 world cup in the sub-continent and popularising the game in other non-cricket playing countries like US and China.

Bindra said the recently launched Indian Premier League (IPL) may have raked in millions of dollars but that would not bring it in conflict with the ICC.

The former bureaucrat, who heads the Punjab Cricket Association (PCA) and is credited with creating one of the best cricketing infrastructures in the world, said he saw no conflict of interest with ICC's chief executive officer (CEO) designate Imtiaz Patel after taking over as principal advisor to the ICC.

Bindra was himself in the running for the crucial ICC CEO's post but Patel was named the next CEO earlier March while Bindra, who is considered close to BCCI president Sharad Pawar, was offered the post of advisor.

'I am not disappointed at not being made ICC CEO. This job (of principal advisor) will give me the opportunity to fulfil my vision and dream about promotion of the game and its globalisation,' said Bindra.

AS ICC principal advisor, Bindra's status is being equated with the powerful post of ICC CEO as he will report only to the ICC president and will be attending all ICC meetings.

'I am in regular touch with Imtiaz Patel and have great respect for him. I am looking forward to an extremely cordial and constructive working relationship with him for promoting the game,' said Bindra.

The PCA president said that he would divide time between his new posting in Dubai and his pending work in India, especially in making the PCA stadium the best in the world.

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