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1. **ISSUE OF SUMMONSES BY THE COMMISSION:** Commission was informed that the time duration between the receipt of appeals / complaint and issue of summonses by the commission is about three weeks. This is not acceptable. Efforts shall be made to issue the summonses within 7 days of the receipt of the appeals / complaints. (Action: Secretary, KIC)
2. **PROGRESS AND DISPOSAL OF COMPLAINTS AND APPEALS:** In February less than 18 cases on an average were heard on a day. It should be ensured that on an average, 20 cases are posted for hearing every day.
3. **JUDGMENTS RESERVED:** Three judgment KIC 170 COM 06, KIC 210 COM 06, KIC 147 COM 06 have been reserved for orders. Of these, KIC 170 COM 06 is being reopened and summonses will be issued for fresh hearing of the complaint. In the remaining two cases, the orders would be pronounced on 29/03/2006 at 11.30 AM. A notice shall be put to this effect on the notice board of the Commission.
4. **SCIC AND SIC SITTING AS SINGLE MEMBER BENCHES:** In view of the large pendency, the Commission decided that ~~from~~ from the month of May, the SCIC and SIC may sit as single member benches for two days in a week i.e. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, to hear only fresh complaints. Therefore for these days, 20 complaints may be posted for each single member bench for hearing. This way about 160 to 180 extra cases could get heard every month. The appeals as well as part-heard cases (both appeals as well as complaints), will however continue to be heard by the full bench. Under Secretary shall ensure posting of complaints accordingly. (Action: U.S.,KIC)
5. **ARRANGEMENTS FOR HEARING BY SINGLE MEMBER BENCHES:** Following arrangements would be required for two single member benches to function.
 - a) One of the member's chambers would be used as temporary court hall by minor modifications in arrangement of furniture etc.
 - b) A computer needs to be installed in the second court hall.
 - c) A judgment writer should be posted to the court hall and therefore one such post already created may be filled up early.
 - d) One Dragon software for speech recognition should also be purchased.
6. **HEARINGS OUTSIDE BANGALORE:** The Commission has fixed a hearing outside Bangalore at Madikeri on 21st April 2007. It was recalled that other State Information Commissions are already holding hearings outside headquarters. A suitable provision may have to be made in the Rules. Secretary, KIC shall frame draft rules for the purpose and send them to Government for consideration.
7. **FILLING UP THE POST OF ACCOUNTS SUPERINTENDENT:** SIC agrees to speak to the Controller of State Accounts Department to spare the services of an

Accounts Superintendent with some computer background and preferably some knowledge of 'tally'.

8. **BSNL FACILITY FOR PROVIDING ONE EXTRA TELEPHONE FREE OF RENT:** This facility is available only if average monthly billing on 'mother telephone' is more than Rs.1500-00 PM. Under Secretary informed that the following three telephones in the Commission may have average monthly billing of over Rs.1500-00 P.M.:
- I. State Chief Information Commissioner (Office)
 - II. State Information Commissioner (Office), and
 - III. Under Secretary, KIC (Office).

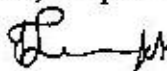
Therefore, KIC can seek three more telephones. It was decided that first one could be provided to SIC for fax, second to be provided to Secretary for fax and third to be provided to US/SO for general office use. All three telephones shall be without STD& ISD facilities.

9. **HEARING IN KIC 196 APL 2006:** Karnataka High Court has remitted this appeal to the Commission for disposal according to law. The High Court has directed the parties to appear before the Commission on 12/03/2007 without any notice from the Commission. However, since the High Court has not mentioned any time, summonses may be issued to the parties asking them to appear before the Commission at 11.30 a.m.
10. **NON-COMPLIANCE OF COMMISSION'S ORDERS:** Commission has noticed that several complaints regarding non-compliance of Commission's orders have been filed. It was felt that reopening of these cases may not serve much purpose since any further orders passed by the Commission may also not be complied. It was therefore suggested that such cases may be treated as contempt cases. Commission does not have powers to punish for its own contempt. It may therefore have to lodge complaints before a Magistrate. Before making such a complaint, it may be necessary to give to the contemnor an opportunity of making written as well as oral submissions. A slightly modified form of summons may have to be devised for this purpose. It was decided that such cases might be given separate numbers under trilateral CCC.
11. **DEDUCTION TOWARDS PENSION FROM THE SALARY OF RETIRED OFFICIALS:** In case of retired officials who have been reemployed, the amount of deduction in respect of pension paid has to be equal to pension before commutation. Accounts Assistant as well as Secretary, KIC, being DDO, shall ensure that this is followed in all such cases.

12. **PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT:** Commission agreed for purchase of the following equipments:

- a. Computes - Six.
- b. Dot Metrics Printers - Three
- c. Franking Machines - One
- d. Overhead projector - One

As regards UPS, a separate proposal may be put up.



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