

PROCEEDINGS OF THE STAFF MEETING HELD ON 3-11-2007 IN THE COURT HALL OF KARNATAKA INFORMATION COMMISSION:

Following were present:

Sri/Smt.:

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| 1. K. K. Misra, SCIC | 9. Duggappa, Assistant |
| 2. K. A. Thippeswamy, SIC | 10. Sathyanarayana, Assistant |
| 3. Dr. H. N. Krishna, SIC | 11. Krishnoji Rao, Junior Assistant |
| 4. Srinivas, ASO | 12. Vishwanath, First Division Assistant |
| 5. K. Guruprasad, Senior Assistant | 13. K. Geetha, Judgment Writer |
| 6. Mala S., P.A. to SIC-1 | 14. B. T. Thimmegowda, Judgment Writer |
| 7. K. Sujatha, P.A. to SIC-2 | 15. S. Sandhya, Judgment Writer |
| 8. S. Ashok, Accountant | |

1. Commission noted with concern that the number of new cases which are being registered far exceed the number of cases disposed off by the Commission. The result is that the pendency has become almost 1500.

2. Commission felt that in case the pendency is not reduced, the Complainants and Appellants will have to wait for six months and more for their cases to come up for hearing.

3. In order to improve the disposal and keep the pendency to an accepted level, following suggestions were accepted for implementation:

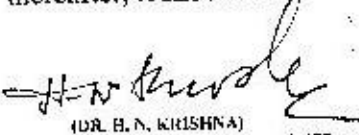
- i. The Commissioners will have to hear the cases in the afternoons also.
- ii. A letter should be addressed to the Government asking them to appoint two more Commissioners, but this should be done only after allocation of larger space to the Commission to house for court halls and other facilities,
- iii. Each Commissioner would have atleast two officials for taking down orders, one of them could be a Judgment Writer and the other could be a stenographer.
- iv. As regards issue of orders without hearing, it was clarified that while sending the complaints to the Commissioners for deciding whether an interim order could be issued straight away, the RIR cell shall indicate the date of hearing for all such complaints. Thereafter, the Commissioners will decide whether an intermit order should be passed or regular summons should be issued. In either case, date of hearing has to be given. Therefore, the RIR cell shall indicate a date of hearing for all complaints and write it down along with time of hearing on the front page of the file.

4. It was also agreed that the present Judgment Writers would train the new comers. Further, they will also improve their own efficiency so that the number of corrections is reduced to the minimum.

5. The decision already taken regarding disposing some of the complaints without hearing is already under implementation and the Judgment Writers/Stenographers should be able to help the Commissioners in finalizing these orders.

ANNUAL REPORT:

6. It was decided that annual report will be finalized by 12th of November 2007 and thereafter, it should be immediately taken up for translation into Kannada.


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