

**Proposed agenda for the Commission Meeting on 7-6-2012 at 3.30pm in
the chambers of the SCIC**

1. Review of previous meeting proceedings.
2. Review of pendency of cases in the Commission.
3. Review of progress achieved in selecting a service provider to supply manpower to KIC through e-Tendering process.
4. Review of request made by NFICIs to hold the All India Information Commissioners' gathering in Bangalore on 14th & 15th July, 2012.
5. Establishing Regional Commissioner Offices for KIC.
6. Any other subject as desired by the Commission.

Record of the discussions held on 7th June, 2012 in the Chambers of SCIC.

Commissioners and Officers present:

1. SCIC
2. SIC-DTR
3. SIC-MRP
4. SIC-TRN
5. SIC-SDS
6. Secretary
7. Under Secretary
8. SO-1
9. SO-2
10. ASO

Review of action taken on the Proceedings of the previous meeting.

1. Commission reviewed the follow-up action and noted that;
 - (i) Recovery of penalty imposed has been discussed in the High Power Committee, Chaired by the Chief Secretary, on 19-5-2012.
 - (ii) Formal acceptance of the proposal, for hosting the All India Meeting of the Central Information Commissioners and State Chief Information Commissioners, in Karnataka, is awaited from Government.
 - (iii) Draft C&R rules are to be circulated to all Commissioners.
 - (iv) Proposal for revised payment to outsourced staff has been sent to Government.

2. Review of pendency of cases in the Commission.

The Commission noted that as on 31-5-2012, 12964 cases are pending. The Commission suggested looking into the following areas to minimise the delay.

- a. Evolve methods to reduce frequent adjournments largely due to:
 - (i) Indication of wrong designations of the PIOs.
 - (ii) Wrong address of concerned parties at the data entry level.
- b. Strict need to:
 - (i) Reduce number of "miss-sent" summons and orders.
 - (ii) Scrutinize the applications more thoroughly.

- (iii) Ensure typing of the address as found in the original application of the petitioner.
- c. In case of applications files under section 18(1): to explore the process of issuing “*directions to the connected PIO to furnish information to the concerned seeker and treat the case as disposed*” – a method being followed by the Central Information Commission, New Delhi.

The SCIC further suggested that the Government could initiate disciplinary action against the defaulting First Appellate Authorities so as to make them responsive.

3. Review of progress achieved in selecting a service provider to supply manpower to KIC through e-Tendering process.

The Secretary informed the Commission that the e-Tendering process has selected the present service provider, Karnataka Security Force 9 & Raa Detective Services, as L1 and it will continue to provide service for the next one year.

The Commission advised the Secretary to ensure that the details about the EPF recoveries and ESI facility, extended to the outsourced staff by the Service provider, be placed on record. All possible official measures may be taken to ensure that the various salary recoveries being made by the service provider are credited in time.

4. Review of request made by NFICIs to hold the All India Information Commissioners’ gathering in Bangalore on 14th & 15th July, 2012.

Secretary informed that the Principal Secretary, DPAR(Protocol) had agreed, in principle, to the extend state guest facilities to the participating Chief Information Commissioners and other Information Commissioners.

5. Establishing Regional RTI Commissioner Offices for KIC.

Deliberating at length on the issue, the Commission felt that, to begin with, two Divisional RTI Commissioner Offices could be established at Dharwar and Gulbarga.

SCIC instructed the Secretary to write to the Principal Secretary, Janaspndhana, about the Commission's views with supporting details of District-wise applications received and pending in respect of the districts covered by these two Revenue Divisions. He also stated that the Secretariat staff and office equipment/furniture, etc. required for these divisional offices, be worked out and intimated to the Government.

6. Any other subject as desired by the Commission.

- a. The SCIC suggested that subject-wise letters be addressed to the Government on the proposals made by the Commission and discussed in the HLC meeting and follow up till final orders are communicated.
- b. When SIC-DTR raised the issue of enhancing salary to the outsourced staff, the Secretary informed the Commission that a letter, for an additional grant of Rs.60 lakhs, has been addressed to the Government.
- c. SICs, TRN and Dr. SDS suggested that issuance of ESI Cards to the eligible staff must be made mandatory.

Noting that the Service provider had not issued the ESI Cards, the SCIC suggested to the Secretary to invite the concerned local ESI Officer for a discussion on this issue.

- d. The Commission's Secretary to discuss with the concerned in the Police Department regarding publishing their information in the standardised 4(1)(a) and 4(1)(b) formats.

Expressing concern about non-maintenance of 4(1)(a) and 4(1)(b) information, either on paper or on the websites by the Departments, the SCIC stated that the Government be addressed to set up a **“Review Committee for Monitoring the Implementation of 4(1)(a) and 4(1)(b) by the Departments”**, at the State level, consisting of the following:

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| (i) | Additional Chief Secretary | - Chairman |
| (ii) | Principal Secretary (Janaspandhana) | - Member Secretary |
| (iii) | Principal Secretary/Secretary (of the concerned Dept.) | - Member |
| (iv) | Heads of the Department/boards that come under the Administrative control of the Secretariat Department | - Members |

SCIC further said that the committee should also monitor periodically the updating and uploading activity by the Departments. Disciplinary action could be initiated against the concerned erring officers under CCA Rules, if they fail to complete the task within the time given by the Committee.

Sd/-

State Chief Information Commissioner

Approved by the Commission