

Record of the discussions held on 26th April, 2012 in the Chambers of SCICs chamber.

Commissioners and Officers present:

1. SCIC
2. SIC-DTR
3. SIC-SDS
4. Secretary
5. SO-1
6. SO-2

1. Review of pendency of Cases in the Commission:

Going through the Court Hall-wise list of cases heard, disposed and adjourned, the SCIC pointed out that the figures shown in the statement varied with that given by his Court Hall and suggested quick verification and rectification, more so because we are in the very first month of 2012-13 and recurrence of such mistakes could be avoided during the year.

Further, going through the pendency details, submitted by the Secretary, the SCIC suggested that a comprehensive list of pending files, pertaining to the Years: 2008, 2009 & 2010 be prepared and placed before the Commission so that the old cases could be taken up, on priority, for disposal at the earliest.

While deliberating on how to reduce the pendency, SIC-DTR said that the Commission could treat cases, in which penalty has been imposed as disposed and transfer the files to the Secretary, KIC, for perusing recovery of penalty with the concerned authorities. He added that this becomes necessary since these cases are included in the Cause list, only for getting compliance reports, as a result of which other pending cases/new cases get excluded. SCIC felt that the present system ensures recovery and could be made effective and expeditious by linking with HRMS. Hence it was decided that the Secretary should discuss with the Director, State Huzur Treasury, as well as the concerned officer in-charge of monitoring the HRMS Module in the e-Governance Dept., for making a suitable provision in the HRMS module

to facilitate recovery of penalty imposed form the monthly salary of the penalised PIOs.

2. Hosting the All India meeting of Central Information Commissioners and SCICs in Karnataka:

SIC-DTR, who had attended the General Body Meeting of the National Federation of Information Commissions in India, on 21st Apr., 2012, informed that the Federation intends to conduct its next meeting, in Bangalore, on the 14th & 15th July, 2012.

The SIC said that, among other things, one session would be for sharing of the experiences of the Commissioners and also informed that about 15 SCICs and the Central Information Commissioners are expected to attend, in addition to 5 other staff of NFIC.

It was decided to request the Government of Karnataka to treat the invitees as State Guests considering their official status and the Secretary was told to take up the matter with the Government.

3. Fixing maximum age for out-sourced staff:

The proposal of the Secretary, for fixing 65 years as maximum age for all out-sourced staff working in KIC, was agreed to in principle and it was felt those who are presently serving the Commission could be continued till alternate arrangements are made or for a period of 6 months whichever is earlier.

4. Finalisation of C & R rules:

The SCIC suggested expeditious finalisation of the Cadre and Recruitment rules and submission to the Commission/Govt. for approval at the earliest.

5. Payment to out-sourced staff:

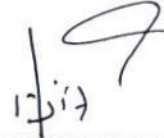
The Secretary informed that the tender process was in progress and will be finalised soon.

Referring to the recent revision of pay to all Govt. employees, SIC-DTR suggested that the new basic could straight away be paid replacing the old one.

The Secretary felt that a line of distinction needs to be drawn based on the service rendered by the individual outsourced employee and work out the neutralisation while implementing the new basics. He added

that since the previous salary revision was implemented by the Govt. in 2007, the Commission could also adopt bench-mark 2007 as the year of previous revision and start the fixation from there on. Continuing further, he added the employees, serving the Commission from 2007, would be eligible for the maximum benefit and the breakup could be at the rate of 20% per year to match with the new scale of 2012.

It was decided that the Secretary should work out the details and obtain approval of the Government if there is no clarity about payment to be made to the out-sourced persons.



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SECRETARY, KIC