

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING WITH KRIYA KATTE HELD ON 28-3-2009 at 12-30 P.M. IN COURT HALL
NO. 1 OF KARNATAKA INFORMATION COMMISSION:

PRESENT

FROM KIC (Sri/Smt.):

1. K. K. Misra, SCIC
2. K. A. Thippeswamy, SIC
3. Dr. H. N. Krishna, SIC
4. J. S. Virupakshaiah, SIC
5. B. A. Nagesh, Secretary, KIC

FROM KRIYA KATTE (Sri/Smt.):

1. Ravindranath Guru, Convener
2. M. V. K. Anilkumar
3. Pooja Badrinath
4. S. R. Venkataram
5. C. N. Kumar
6. G. Venkatesh Bhovi
7. N. Vikram Simha
8. T. Ramu
9. Bhaskar .V
10. N. Janardhana Rao
11. G. Gajendra
12. Malikarjun L.S.
13. Harish
14. B. H. Veeresh
15. G. Vincent
16. S. Anantharamaiah
17. Anbarasan. N
18. H. L. Narayana
19. Y. V. Aswathanarayana

1. **Follow up action on important decisions of the meeting held on 6-12-08:**

1.1 During the last meeting, it was agreed that along with the copy of summons for the Petitioner, a copy of his own application for information will be annexed. It was agreed that wherever the Petitioner has enclosed 3 copies and if there is only one Respondent, this procedure will be followed with effect from 1-4-09, to enable the Petitioner to connect his application with the summons. Action (Secretary, KIC).

1.2 It was requested that the name of Commissioner or court hall number assigned to the case may also be included in the cause list and placed on the website. It was agreed that NIC will be requested to examine the feasibility. It was also agreed to examine whether cause list could be arranged court hall wise and forenoon and afternoon cases are shown separately. Action (Secretary, KIC).

1.3 Commission was informed that as of now, e-mail addresses of the Commissioners are not available on the website. Further, the list of individual files relating to complaints and appeals are not there. Action (Secretary, KIC).

1.4 Commission was also informed that some of its orders regarding issue of copies of bhoomi documents and registration documents at the rate of fee prescribed under RTI Act have not been implemented so far.

1.5 Commission observed that in C. C. C. No. 528 of 2008 (Civil), Karnataka High Court in its judgment dated 27-01-2009 has held that "In our considered view, provisions of S.20 can be exercised by the Commission also to enforce its orders." Petitioners can now therefore file execution petitions in such cases.

1.6 Kria Katte informed that this subject was being taken up in the meeting fixed on 15-6-09 with the Secretary, Janaspandana and the ACS. Kria Katte would request that Secretary, Revenue Department, IGR Department people and Director General of Survey Settlement and Land Records may also be invited to the meeting.

1.7 Regarding appointment of Legal Advisor, a proposal has been sent to the Government and Secretary, KIC was requested to follow it up. Action (Secretary, KIC).

1.8 Commission informed that conducting video conferencing is a part of the facilities, which are being created by the Commission with assistance from the Central Government.

2. Workshops:

2.1 It was suggested and agreed that one of the workshops for drafting citizens' charters will be organized for BWSSB. Mr. C. N. Kumar offered to assist BWSSB in preparing the model citizens' charter. Action (Secretary, KIC).

3. Early disposals:

3.1 It was agreed that wherever feasible, Commission may send the complaint petitions to the concerned First Appellate Authorities for early disposal under the provisions of the Act and Petitioner may be informed suitably. Such orders may be sent by speed post only.

4. Back references by Commission seeking clarifications / copies of documents from the Petitioner :

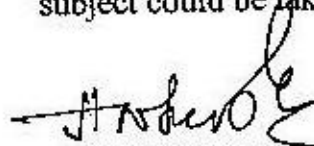
4.1 Commission was informed that in some cases where back references are made by Commission to provide some more documents / information, the hearing of the appeals / complaints gets delayed. Commission therefore agreed that to the extent possible, back references should not be made and even if there is some deficiency in paper work, petitions may still be taken on record for hearing. Action (Secretary, KIC).

5. Implementation of RTI Act in Karnataka:

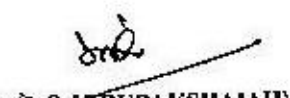
5.1 Kria Katte suggested that Commission may undertake an assessment of implementation of RTI Act in the State. Thus, each Department can be asked to report action taken by it in implementation of the Act; like number of Public Authorities listed by the department, number of PIOs and First Appellate Authorities, whether their names have been published, whether they have complied with provisions of sections 4(1)(a) and 4(1)(b) of the Act, how many PIOs and First Appellate Authorities have been trained in implementation of the Act and whether the name of PIOs are being displayed in all offices.

5.2 Similarly, it was also suggested that at the District level, the responsibility for implementation of the Act could be entrusted to Deputy Commissioners and an evaluation of the implementation at the district level could be attempted by the concerned Deputy Commissioners.

5.3 Commission observed that it would not have a major role in such an evaluation and the work will have to be done by the departments and the Deputy Commissioners. Government would be in a better position to direct the concerned Secretaries and Deputy Commissioners and therefore this subject could be taken up with the Government.



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