

Proposed agenda for KIC Meeting on 28/6/2012

1. Review of Pendency of Cases.
2. Expiry of contract appointment of Law Officer.
3. Designating the Public Authority for KIC.
4. Review of progress in preparation of Draft Annual Report-2011-12.
5. Relocating KIC Servers in the Data-Centre of e-Governance.
6. Writing to e-Governance for placing a full time I.T.Consultant at the disposal of KIC for monitoring: (i) VCs at the time of hearing of cases, (ii) System Administration (PCs & Printers) and Network Administration, (iii) Co-ordinating with the Data Centre in case of surrendering KIC Servers.
7. Date for laying the Foundation Stone for KICs Own Building.
8. Disposal of RTI Applications and Appeals by PIO and FAA of KIC.

Record of the discussions held on 28th June, 2012 in the Chambers of SCICs chamber.

Commissioners and Officers present:

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

Review of progress in preparation of Draft Annual Report-2011-12.

1. After discussion it was decided to have the following Chapters in the Annual Report:
 - a. Introduction,
 - b. Events
 - c. General Information
 - (i) Compensation & Penalties imposed.
 - (ii) Outstation sittings.
 - (iii) Commission Orders challenged before the High Court of Karnataka.
 - d. Accounts of the Commission.
 - e. Statistical Analysis.
 - f. Recommendations.
- (i) The Secretary informed that only 14, out of 33 departments, had provided the necessary inputs till date, even though they were reminded on 16th June to expedite the information by 30th June 2012.
- (ii) The SCIC suggested that a team be constituted to prepare the draft report, inclusive of a typist, and reiterated the need for **team-effort to finish the task in time**
- (iii) The Secy.-KIC proposed a team, headed by the Under Secretary, with S.O. – Sri R.S.Shivakumar, Sri Venkatesh, Accts. Supt., Kum. M.A.Kavya Shree, Programmer and Sri K Srinivas, ASO, as the nodal officer.
- (iv) The SCIC instructed that the ASO should fully concentrate on the chapter on statistical analysis, while the other members shall provide all necessary information, pertaining to their sections, for preparing the draft report expeditiously.

- (v) Discussing about the proposed Chapter Headings, it was suggested as follows:
- a. As regards the chapter on **Events**, it was suggested to include the various workshops in which the SCIC & SICs had participated in addition to incorporating the various training programmes, conducted by ATI, Mysore, which is the official Nodal Agency of the State for imparting training on RTI.
 - b. In matters pertaining to General Information, it was suggested to collect all the details with respect to Compensation, Penalties, Out Station Sittings and the various Workshops participated by the Commissioners from the concerned staff attached to the Court Halls.
 - c. The Law Officer to assist by providing the list of pending cases, questioning the Orders of the Commission in the High Court of Karnataka, in addition to providing inputs for the "Introduction" Chapter of the Report.
 - d. Going through the list of the 19 Departments, that are yet to provide the required information, for preparation of the Annual Report, the Secretary was directed to correspond with these Departments, indicating an early date to expedite the prescribed formats, failing which, the report would be finalised indicating the names of the defaulting departments.
 - e. SIC-JSV, suggested that the points placed by the Commission before the H.L.C may be included in the Chapter on Recommendations.

2. Relocating KIC Servers in the Data-Centre of e-Governance.

Since the matter is technical, it was decided that the issue be discussed with the representatives of NIC and brought up in the next meeting.

3. Writing to e-Governance for placing a full time I.T.Consultant at the disposal of KIC.

As the issue is administrative, the Secretary was directed to initiate necessary action.

4. Date for laying the Foundation Stone for KICs Own Building.

The Secretary was directed to sort out the logistical issues with PWD before proposing a date. As it was decided to get the Foundation Stone laid by the Hon'ble Chief Minister, in the presence of other guests, as per the protocol, SIC-JSV was requested to co-ordinate for getting a suitable date.

5. Disposal of RTI Applications and Appeals by PIO and FAA of KIC.

The PIO was directed to gather the required information from all concerned, well in-time, and furnish to the applicants so that the Commission is not put to any sort of embarrassment.

Advising the FAA, SIC-JSV asked her to coordinate with the others and monitor the disposals as it is her responsibility to ensure that the information is furnished well in time so that the Applicants are not forced to approach the Appellate Authorities. The Secretary was also directed to review the pending RTI applications and First Appeals filed, atleast on a weekly basis, and ensure expeditious disposal.

6. Review of Pendency of Cases.

After noting that 13101 odd files are pending before the Commission the Programmer was instructed to generate a detailed, court-hall-wise pendency statement showing clearly the number of fresh as well as part heard cases.

7. Expiry of contract appointment of Law Officer.

Reading out the terms of *appointment*, issued by the Government for appointing the *Law Officer*, the Secretary highlighted the clause about adhering to the two year term strictly. After lengthy deliberations, and observing that the issue should have been brought up for discussion much earlier as it would have facilitated finding a suitable replacement well before the expiry of the contract period. Under the circumstances and considering the fact that the present incumbent has another year to go for attaining the age of 65 years, the Secretary was directed to write to the Government seeking an extension of one more year. The Secretary was also directed to initiate the process of selection of the next Law Officer at least 6 months prior to the expiry of the term of the present incumbent.

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STATE CHIEF INFORMATION COMMISSIONER

Approved by the Commission