

PROCEEDINGS OF THE STAFF MEETING HELD ON 30-5-2009 at 1-00 P.M IN THE COURT HALL NO. 1 OF KARNATAKA INFORMATION COMMISSION:

Following were present: Sri/Smt.:

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| 1. K. K. Misra, SCIC | 9. K. Geetha, JW. |
| 2. K. A. Thippeswamy, SIC | 10. Duggappa, |
| 3. Dr. H. N. Krishna, SIC | 11. Sathyanarayana, Asst. |
| 4. J. S. Virupakshiah, SIC | 12. Ranganath,, D.E.O |
| 5. T. Ashoka, US | 13. Krishnoji Rao, Typist, |
| 6. V.M. Hebbar, SO, | 14. Viswanath, |
| 7. S. R. Sayinath Prakash, JW. | 15. Madhu, Typist |
| 8. G. Papaiah Raju, JW | |

Disposal of cases:

1. Commission noted that during the month of April 09, due to break down of the server, the entries in GRR could be retrieved only up to 9-4-09. Thereafter some data regarding complaints and appeals could only be retrieved. These complaints and appeals have been accounted for in the month of May 09.

2. In the month of April, only 261 complaints and 12 appeals (total 273) are shown to have been received during the first nine days. According to rough estimate, about 650 more complaints and appeals would have been filed taking the total number about 900. The pendency which is shown as 4900 would also be more by the same number and could be around 5700.

3. Commission noted that all the Commissioners put together are hearing about 50 fresh cases every day considering 20 working court days in a month, the number of cases heard works out to about 1000 which would equal the number of fresh cases. The increase in pendency may therefore be due to lesser disposal and higher adjournment of cases, because these are being kept pending for want of compliance.

Telephoning the parties:

4. Suggestions have been received from Sri Antharamaiah and Sri Vincent, Kengeri Satellite Town Citizens Welfare Association that Commission should not telephone the Respondents and ask them to attend the cases, if they were to be found absent. Commission observed that in most of the cases, Petitioner do not furnish the correct names, designations and addresses of the Respondents and initially most of the summons are being sent only by designation. Further, the Petitioners are addressing the request for information not to PIOs, but to anybody in the Department including the Public Authority and therefore the summons do not reach the correct person. In some cases, the concerned person gets transferred. In all such cases, it becomes necessary to contact the Office of the Respondent to check whether the summons has been received and why the PIO is not represented.

5. Further, Petitioner would have come from a faraway place. In case, the Respondent is absent and no effort is made to contact him, the hearing becomes infructuous. This will cause avoidable hardship to the Petitioner. Commission therefore is of the view that this system which has been evolved with the interest of Petitioner in mind, should be judiciously utilized and continued.

Allocation of Work:

6. As regards work allocation to the new Under Secretary, Commission observed that it had already been decided to entrust the overall supervision of court work to the Under Secretary whereas

the S.O. was to look after the administration side. Only when one of the two officers goes on leave, the other is put in additional charge. Commission is of the view this system should continue, namely Under Secretary will only look after the judgment section and judicial section.

Annual Report:

7. Since both the Secretary as well as Sri Srinivasa were absent, it was decided that they would submit a progress report regarding preparation of Annual reports for the year 2007-08 during the next meeting.

IT enablement project:

8. Regarding GOI assisted IT enablement project; Commission has already decided that orders for equipment under DGS&D rate contract can be placed. As regards placing of orders on KEONICS, it has been decided that if they have been exempted under KTPP Act, the orders could be placed. However, a copy of GO exempting them from the Act must be obtained. Secretary, KIC was requested to report the progress made

9. The CGG officers are visiting Bangalore during next week i.e. on 6-6-09 to make a presentation. The Commission website will be shifted to their server sometime next month.

Payment of Arrears:

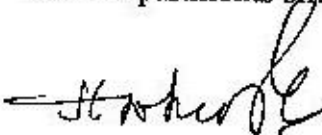
10. Regarding payment of arrears of salary due to implementation of recommendations of 5th Pay Commission to Sri S. R. S. Prakash, Sri Duggappa, Sri Viswanath, Sri K. V. Hebbar and Sri Krishnoji Rao, Commission decided that these files shall be put up for final orders within one week after the audit work of accounts of the Commission is over.

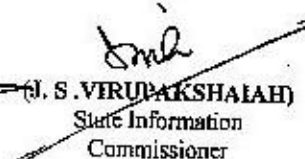
Hearing of cases for major departments on specific dates:

11. In allocation of cases, beginning 1-8-09, the cases received will be arranged under the following categories:

- a) Revenue Department cases to be posted only on Thursday;
- b) Bangalore Development Authority, Municipalities and Corporations cases to be posted only on Fridays;
- c) Other cases can only be posted on the remaining three days.

12. Secretary, KIC is directed to issue necessary directions in this regard. Adjourned cases of these departments should also be posted on the same day afternoon / forenoon.


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To
All concerned)