

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18-10-2008 AT 12.30 PM IN THE COURT HALL OF SCIC

KARNATAKA INFORMATION COMMISSION:

Following were present: Sri/Smt:

1. K. K. Misra, SCIC
2. K. A. Thippeswamy, SIC
3. Dr. H. N. Krishna, SIC
4. B. A. Nagesh, Secretary
5. S. R. Sayinath Prakash, U.S.
6. Srinivas, Sr. Statistical Asst
7. Guruprasad, Senior Assistant
8. Duggappa, Assistant
9. Sathyarayanan, Assistant
10. Viswanath, Assistant
11. G. Papaiah Raju, Judgement Writer
12. Yashaswini, Judgement, Writer

A. Review of progress made in disposal of cases:

1. The second table under GRR Section has not been filled up. This should be discussed with SIC (KAT) and should be filled up before a statement is submitted to the staff meeting. In Judgment Section, a column showing number of sitting days (including outside sittings) should be included. In Judicial Section, the details of cases pending for more than six months have to be furnished, so that these cases could be reviewed.

B. Annual Report:

2. SCIC stated that he has approved chapters I, II and III. Chapter IV has recently been given by SIC (KAT). He had wanted some more time to add more cases. However, he now states that no more additions need be done. SCIC also stated that he has written half of Chapter V namely recommendations. First final draft should therefore be ready by end of October 2008.

3. As regards Kannada translation, Commission enquired whether last year's dues have been paid. Secretary informed that FD has since indicated the head of account and the remuneration for translation could be credited to that head of account. Commission directed that the amount shall be so credited to the designated head without any further delay and intimation sent to Department of Translation. Annual Report 06-07 shall be sent for Kannada translation as soon as English version is approved.

C. Site for Commission's Office:

4. Commission noted that Hon'ble Chief Minister has issued a minute suggesting a site measuring 124' x 174' behind KPSC for locating the office of the KIC. Secretary was requested to follow it up and see that this site is made available to the Commission.

D. Credit of PF of Commission's employees to the wrong head of account:

5. Commission directed that the mistake should be rectified immediately so that the employees' accounts could be credited with their contributions. Audit Officer stated that she will get it done within a period of one week.

E. Report in Deccan Herald dated 15-10-2008 regarding study by NCPRI and RAGA:

6. Commission noted that according to this study report, responses to the requests for information under RTI Act were quickest in the State. Karnataka is also the best as regards availability of PIOs responsible for implementing the Act. Commission appreciated the strenuous work done by all its employees and complimented the staff in making this happen.

F. Conversion of posts:

7. approval of the proposal sent to Government for conversion of posts of Second Division Assistants to that of Typists shall be got expedited by the Secretary.

G. PF statement of outsourced employees:

8. PF Statements for Sri Thimmegowda and Miss Geeta have been verified by them in the Office of the Regional Provident Fund Commissioner. Some other employees who had applied under Right to Information Act have received their statements of accounts. Commission advised all the outsourced employees must make similar applications under Right to Information Act, so that they may also obtain similar information. Sri Thimmegowda was asked to make RTI applications for all outsourced employees, obtain their signatures and file the applications.

H. Railway reservations for outstation hearings by the Commission:

9. Commission directed that necessary reservations for outstation hearings by the Commission should be obtained two months in advance. Coordination in this regard is to be done by the Under Secretary and Section Officer.

I. Working stations to be set up in the personal section of SCIC:

10. Commission had decided that two or more working stations should be set up in the personal section of SCIC. This work should be taken up immediately. SIC (KAT) was requested to take it up with P.W.D.

J. Adoption of less paper office in the Commission:

11. Commission noted that the present record room is full. Adoption of less paper office is therefore a necessity. Secretary was requested to examine whether this could be introduced in the Commission w. e. f. 1-1-09. NIC may be consulted in this regard, if necessary.

K. Clarification to para 13 of the proceedings of meeting held on 27-9-08:

12. Commission observed that there was no intention of treating the outsource employees as regular employees and the purpose was only to pay them the T.A. and D.A. at the same rate which is paid to the regular employees when they are required to undertake official tours on behalf of the Commission. This does not confer any right on the outsource employees to claim employment under the Commission.

(Dr. H. N. KRISHNA)

State Information Commissioner

To: All concerned)

(K. A. THIPPESWAMY)

State Information Commissioner

(K. K. MISRA)

State Chief Information Commissioner