

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE STAFF MEETING HELD ON 30-8-2008 AT 1.30 PM IN THE COURT HALL OF SCIC, KARNATAKA INFORMATION COMMISSION:**

Following were present:

Sri/Smt.:

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| 1. K. K. Misra, SCIC                       | 9. Guruprasad, Senior Assistant   |
| 2. K. A. Thippeswamy, SIC                  | 10. Mala S., PA to SIC            |
| 3. Dr. H. N. Krishna, SIC                  | 11. Duggappa, Assistant           |
| 4. B. A. Nagesh, Secretary                 | 12. Sathyanarayana, Assistant     |
| 5. S. R. Sayinath Prakash, Under Secretary | 13. Viswanath, Assistant          |
| 6. K. V. Hebbar, Section Officer           | 14. K. Geetha, Judgment Writer    |
| 7. R. Mohana, Gazetted PA to SCIC          | 15. Thimmegowda, Judgment Writer  |
| 8. Srinivas, Sr. Statistical Assistant     | 16. G. Papaiah Raju, Stenographer |

**A. Review of progress made in disposal of cases:**

1. Commission observed that in the month of July 2008, the number of cases heard was 1000 and disposal was 618. Commission expressed its satisfaction at the high disposal.
2. Commission however noted that number of cases pending for more than 3 months has risen substantially. Commission also noted that total number of cases registered during the month of July, 2008 was 904, which is highest so far. Commission therefore felt that it would need at least two more SICs and the Government has been apprised in this regard.
3. Sri Thippeswamy SIC pointed out that in the review statement, table under GRR-2 section should be filled up / completed indicating the cases which were found defective and which were returned.
4. Commission has already taken a decision that from 1-1-2009, all the cases will be serially numbered as petitions and at the time of registration, no distinction will be made between appeals and complaints. But when the petitions are examined by RIR section, the caseworker must indicate whether according to him, it is an appeal under sec.19 or a complaint under sec.18 of the Act. **If the petition is an appeal, then the First Appellate Authority must be made second Respondent and summons shall also be issued to him.** The SCIC/SICs shall also check this aspect at the time of ordering of issue of summons or passing of interim orders.

**B. Information sought from cooperative societies:**

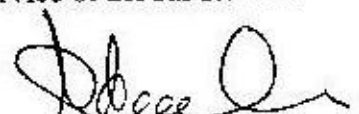
5. The High Court of Karnataka in its recent orders has held that cooperative societies are not Public Authorities unless they have been substantially financed by the Government. Therefore, in all new applications seeking information from cooperative societies, standard endorsement may be issued to both the Petitioner as well as Respondent to indicate whether the society has received any finance from Government by way of share capital / loan /subsidy /grant etc. to enable the Commission to determine whether it is a Public Authority.
6. Wherever, the cases have already been posted for hearing, these may be disposed off by the Commissioners in accordance with the judgment of the High Court.

**C. Uploading of orders:**

7. Commission expressed its satisfaction that orders upto 31-7-08 have been uploaded on the website of the Commission. Since two posts of data entry operators have since been sanctioned, this work may hereafter be entrusted to them.

**D. New posts: P.S. to SCIC & Judgment writers:**

8. Government has sanctioned 9 new posts to the Commission and upgraded one post. As regards the upgraded post of P.S. to SCIC, a letter may be addressed to Government to allow the Commission to operate the post at the level of Gazetted Personal Assistant by utilizing the service of Sri R. Mohana.



9. Three posts of judgment writers have been sanctioned. Sri G. Papaiah Raju who is working in the grade of Stenographer has requested that he may be upgraded as Judgment Writer. Commission decided that this may be allowed with effect from 1-9-08. With this, both the posts of judgment writers with SCIC would have been filled up.

10. SIC (KAT) will have one vacant post and SIC (HNK) will have two vacant posts of judgment writers. The service provider shall be asked to suggest suitable candidates.

11. With the upgradation of Sri G. Papaiah Raju as judgment writer, one post of stenographer would become vacant in the establishment of SCIC. The service provider shall be asked to suggest a suitable candidate for the post.

**E. Data entry operators:**

12. Commission requested the Secretary to prepare job-charts for newly created posts of data entry operators. He would interview the candidates sponsored by the service provider and put up his recommendations for approval.

**F. Junior Assistants:**

13. The posts of junior assistants are to be filled up on deputation basis. Commission noted that it is very difficult to obtain services of Government employees on deputation to fill up these vacancies. It was therefore decided that in case suitable candidates are not available, Government may be requested to convert the two newly sanctioned posts of junior assistants to typists and to allow the Commission to fill them by outsourcing.

**G. Accommodate for extra staff:**

14. It was decided that two or three new workstations shall be installed in the personal section of SCIC. Further, one part of temporary structure in the open quadrangle, near the lift, shall be converted into a receipt counter for receiving tappings / applications etc. Suitable modifications will be made and a computer / printer / other facilities will be provided.

**H. Purchase of a vehicle to be used for outstation hearings:**

15. When the Commission travels to district headquarters etc. for outstation hearings, it has been hiring private vehicle(s) for its use, which is found both expensive and inconvenient. A proposal may therefore be sent to Government for purchase of an Innova / Mahendra Scorpion or similar outdoor vehicle as has been allowed to KAT.

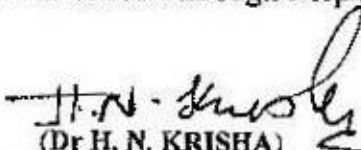
**I. Copies of Annual Report 2005-06:**

16. It was decided to keep 100 copies of the annual report each, in Kannada and in English in the record room for future reference. Remaining copies may be made available to the users.

17. Softcopy of the Annual Report 2005-06 and proactive disclosure shall be uploaded on the website. NIC may be requested to get it done and to provide search facility on our orders as has been done in case of CIC.

**J. Call Center for receiving oral requests under Right to Information Act:**

18. Commission decided that a proposal may be sent to Government to consider making arrangements in association with BSNL to establish a Call Center for receipt of oral applications under Right to Information Act through telephone, as has been done by Bihar Government.

  
(Dr H. N. KRISHA)

State Information Commissioner

To: All concerned).

  
(K. A. HIPPEESWAMY)

State Information Commissioner

  
(K. K. MISRA)

State Chief Information Commissioner