

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

No: DPAR 28 RTI 2006

Karnataka Government Secretariat,
Vidhanasoudha,
Bangalore, dated 29th January 2007

NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred by Sub-Section 1 & 2 of section 27 read with sub-section (4) of Section 15 of the Right to Information Act 2005, the Government of Karnataka hereby makes the following Rules, namely:-

RULES

1. **Title and Commencement:-** (1) These Rules may be called the Karnataka Right to Information (Constitution of Benches) Rules, 2006.

(2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the official gazette.

2. **Definitions:-** In these Rules unless the context otherwise requires:-

(a) "Act" means the Right to Information Act 2005, (Central Act of 2005)

(b) "Section" means section of the Act.

(c) "Bench" means a Bench of the Karnataka Information Commission.

(d) "Case" means an appeal or complaint made to the Karnataka Information Commission under the Act.

3. **Constitution of Benches:-** (1) The State Chief Information Commissioner shall be competent to constitute Benches consisting of the State Chief Information Commissioner with one or more State Information Commissioners or consisting of two or more State Information Commissioners.

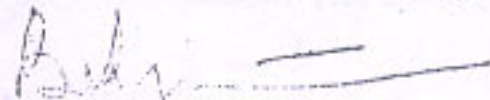
(2) It shall also be competent for the State Chief Information Commissioner or any other State Information Commissioner authorized by State Chief Information Commissioner in this behalf to function as a Bench consisting of a single member and exercise the jurisdiction, power and authority of the Karnataka Information Commission in respect of such classes of cases or such matters pertaining to such classes of cases as the State Chief Information Commissioner may by general or special order specify:

Provided that if at any stage of the hearing of any such case or matter it appears to the State Chief Information Commissioner or State Information Commissioner that the case or matter is of such a nature that it ought to be heard by a Bench consisting of two or more members the case may be transferred by State Chief Information Commissioner or as the case may be, referred to him for transfer to, such Bench as the State Chief Information Commissioner may deem fit.

4. Reference to Full Bench:- Notwithstanding anything contained in Rule 3, the State Chief Information Commissioner may, and if a Bench referred to in Rule 3 so thinks fit, shall, constitute a full Bench of such number of State Information Commissioners, as he may specify. The decision of the full Bench shall be in accordance with the opinion of the majority.

5. Procedure:- The Benches constituted under Rule 3 and Rule 4 shall, in matters of hearing appeals and complaint be governed by the Karnataka Right to Information Rules, 2005.

BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF
THE GOVERNOR OF KARNATAKA,



(B. SHIVARUDRASWAMY)
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