

Minutes of the meeting held in KIC on 02/05/2016 at 1 p.m.

A meeting was held under the Chairmanship of SCIC.

Meeting in presence of:-

1. Sri.D.N.Narasimha Raju, State Chief Information Commissioner
2. Sri.L.Krishnamurthy, State Information Commissioner
3. Sri. Shankar R.Patil, State Information Commissioner
4. Sri. N.P.Ramesh, State Information Commissioner
5. Sri.K.M.Chandregowda, State Information Commissioner
6. Sri.P.G.Vijaya Kumar, State Information Commissioner
7. Dr.Suchethana Swaroop, State Information Commissioner
8. Sri. Vrushabendra Murthy.G.C, Secretary

Minutes of the meetings-

1. Judgment Writers:

- a) It was informed that at present the Judgment Writers who were taken on contract basis in the Commission were being paid remuneration of Rs. 14,000/- per month which after PF and other deductions comes to Rs. 11,000/-. As the remuneration is low, the quality of Judgment Writers sourced is very poor and output in terms of Orders passed by the Commissioner was getting adversely affected.

It was decided that the remuneration amount be enhanced keeping in view the market conditions so as to attract quality manpower.

- b) It was informed that the number of Judgment Writers in the Commission is not adequate to meet the demand for faster disposal of cases. At present, each Commissioner is

provided with 2 Judgment Writers. Considering the high number of cases pending at the Commission, there is a need to increase the number of Judgment Writers to 4 per Commissioner so as to increase the disposals in a significant manner. It was decided to take up the matter with the Government for sanction.

2. Legal Adviser: It was brought to the notice that the issue of appointment of Law Officer has been referred to Government and their decision is awaited.

3. Declaration of PIOs in various offices and giving publicity: It was observed that in several Government offices and agencies, notification of the PIO and appellate authority has either not been done or after having done, due publicity has not been given. In order to enable the public to approach

PIOs directly instead of approaching KIC under Section 18 of RTI Act, 2005, this needs to be done. It was decided to take-up the matter with Government to issue instructions to departments and its agencies to notify about the PIOs and appellate authorities and also to give wide publicity.

4. Hearing by the 1st appellate authority: It was observed that in many departments and agencies of the Government, the appellate authorities are not taking up appeals which is one of the major reasons for filing of appeals directly to KIC. It is necessary to impress upon appellate authorities to take-up the appeals and dispose. It was decided to write to Government about this issue.

5. New Building: It was informed that the new KIC building under construction by PWD is likely to be completed by June, 2016. It was decided to pursue with PWD Engineers

for early completion and to ascertain time frame for completion of building.

The meeting was concluded with a vote of thanks by the Chair.

V. Anand
7/11/16
State Chief Information Commissioner
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