PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMISSION HELD ON 03-09-2010 at 1.30 P.M. IN COURT HALL NO. 2 OF KARNATAKA INFORMATION COMMISSION:

Following were present:

Sri/Smt.:

1. K.A. Thippeswamy, SIC
2. J. S. Virupakshaiah, SIC
3. B. A. Nagesh, Secretary
4. Srinivas, Sr. Statistical Officer

In the Commission meeting the following subjects were discussed and decisions were taken.

I) Draft Annual Report Of 2008-09 of The Commission:

In the earlier meeting of the Commission, it was decided to include the following chapters in the annual report of 2008-2009.

Chapters:

Chapter 1: Introduction
Chapter 2: Important RTI related events
(Chapter 3: Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Capacity and Awareness Generations)
Chapter 4: Statistical Data and Analysis.
Chapter 5: Penalties, Cost and Compensation Cases
Chapter 6: Audit of Statement of Account of the KIC
Chapter 7: Recommendations
Chapter 8: Important Decisions.

So far the draft chapters on introduction, important RTI related events, Centrally Sponsored Schemes, Statistical Data and Analysis, Penalties, Cost and Compensations and Audit and Statement of Accounts of the KIC have been prepared.

It is decided that the drafts may be finally reviewed and sent to SIC (KAT) and KKM, former SCIC for preparation of the chapter on recommendations of the Commission for the year 2008-09 and for inclusion of important decision of the KIC during the reporting year.
II) **Celebration of the RTI Week – Utilization of grants released by Government of India:**

The Government of India has provided a grant of Rs.2.50 lakhs for celebration of RTI week from 12th to 20th October.

Commission noted that during the previous year the grants provided by Government of India was placed at disposal of ATI Mysore to undertake the celebration of RTI week relating to the propagations of the act.

Commission decides that the amount of Rs. 2.50 lakhs provided by GOI may also be placed at the disposal of ATI, Mysore to undertake the celebration of RTI week and also propagation of RTI Act as done during the previous year.

Secretary is requested to write to the D.G. ATI, Mysore and also obtain a programme chalked out by ATI in this regard.

III) **SMS integration in the website of KIC:**

It is noted that the website maintained by the CGG, Hyderabad is now being transferred to NIC as per the request of the Commission.

On transfer, the NIC has to undertake the updating the website including the making it more dynamic. Further, earlier Commission also discussed the integration of the SMS Gateway into the website of KIC to enable the user to know the status of their cases and also know the status of orders passed by Commission.

In this regard, it is noted that the National Informatics Center-KSU, has already developed a software and also tied up with the TATA Indicom one of the service providers for the integration of the SMS Gateway software.

Therefore, Commission decided that NIC may be requested to take up the SMS Gateway Integration with website of KIC.

The Secretary is authorized to write to the Deputy Director General and State Informatics Officer and obtain the suitable proposal.
from NIC and put up to Commission for approval along with the financial implications, if any, involved in the proposal.

If necessary, the proposal may be put up to the High Level Committee on implementation of RTI Act for its approval along with the financial proposal.

IV) **The creation of additional staffs in the various sections of KIC:**

It is noted that there is a steep increase in receipt of appeals and complaints received in the Commission resulting in increasing in the work load of all the sections of the Commission.

It is also noted the present staffs in each section including the personal staffs of SICS’ are very minimal, which cannot cope up with the increase of workload.

Therefore, Commission considers it necessary to study the present work load and put up a suitable proposal for creation of additional posts in all sections of Commission.

Therefore, the Commission advices the Secretary conduct the work-study and put up a proposal for creation of additional posts in all section of the Commission for discussion by the Commission and subsequently putting a proposal to the Government.

V) **Purchase of the Broadband Network Connection to the KIC:**

It is noted that the KIC website is part of the Secretariat LAN and due to the integration of web-sensor in the LAN, the users particularly the Data Entry Operators and Programmers are finding it difficult to access various website to upload the orders and also browse web-based activities.

Further, it is noted that on enquiry that selectively these web-sensor cannot be disabled to KIC as it is a part of SEC-LAN.

Therefore, it is quite necessary to buy a Broadband Network Connection exclusively for KIC to access those website frequently
visited by users in the KIC as the web-sensor prohibits the access to some of the websites.

Commission authorized the Secretary to discuss with the NIC and E-Gov representatives in this regard and buy a suitable and compatible Broadband Connection.

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To all concerned: