Proceedings of the Commission held on 17/06/2010 at 2.00PM in the chambers of State Chief Information Commissioner.

Secretary of the Commission informed that for the year 2010-2011 earlier system of lump sum grant-in-aid being given to the Commission has been discontinued and budget provision have been made under different heads which are to be operated through Treasury. He has also informed that Secretary, KIC has been authorized to be the drawing and disbursing officer. Up until now, the system was a Grant in Aid provision was being made in the budget and quarterly with-drawls were made by the Commission on approval of the Government depending upon the requirement of funds. These grants were being released and the amount was kept in a bank account by the Commission and cheques were being issued on the basis of vouchers.

2 The Commission was unaware of the change in the procedure made in the current years’ budget and hither to, last years’ grants available with Commission were being utilized to meet the expenditure of the Commission.

3. Salaries for the months of March, April and May 2010 and other expenditures of the Commission have been incurred out of the carry forward grants.

4. Thereafter the Commission wrote to the Principal Secretary to Government, DPAR (Janaspandana) requesting for release of the first quarter installment of Rs.100 lakhs as was the practice in the earlier years. It was then, that the Commission was informed of the above changes made by the Government.

5. The Secretary had informed the Commission that only Rs.8.00 lakhs were still available in the bank account of the Commission.

6. The Commission also noted that the Government had allowed the Commission, in the past to utilize the Carry-forward amounts of the previous year to meet the expenditure during the current year.

7. The Commission was informed that some pending bills viz. Petrol bill, telephone bills and other claims, which need to be cleared immediately. Commission therefore resolved that the remaining grant available with the Commission may be utilized for clearing the pending bills: pending as on 30-6-2010.
8. It was decided to bring to the notice of the Government the above facts.

9. However, it was decided that salary bill and payment of salary to outsourced employees would be submitted to the treasury from the current month itself (June 2010).

10. The Secretary had also informed that the salary expenditure will have to be drawn through the system of HRMS instituted by the Government and the same has to be implemented in the Commission for making payments of salary. Accordingly, the Commission had directed that HRMS be initiated immediately and salary be distributed accordingly.

11. The Commission was informed that, as regards to out-sourced staff, salary will have to be drawn from the Treasury Department against a DC Bill. The Commission in this regard directed that the service provider concerned be asked to submit the bill immediately and processed.

12. Commission has also directed that an amount of Rs.25,000/- be kept as “Imprest Amount” to meet “Contingency Expenditure” by the Drawing and Disbursing Officer.

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