



NATIONAL FEDERATION OF INFORMATION COMMISSIONS IN INDIA

Minutes of 11th Special General Body Meeting held on 14.12.2019 at 1100 hrs

Venue: Mahabalipuram, (Tamil Nadu)

Participants:

Board of Governors:

- Shri Sudhir Bhargava, (President), CIC, Central Information Commission, New Delhi.
- Shri Basudeb Banerjee, SCIC West Bengal Information Commission.
- Shri Narinder Chauhan, SCIC, Himachal Pradesh State Information Commission.

Members Present:

- Shri R. Rajagopal, SCIC, Tamil Nadu State Information Commission
- Dr. Joram Begi, SCIC, Arunachal Pradesh State Information Commission
- Shri D.P. Thaker, SCIC, Gujarat State Information Commission
- Shri Yash Pal Singal, SCIC, Haryana State Information Commission
- Shri N.C. Srinivasa, SCIC, Karnataka State Information Commission
- Shri Sunil Kumar Misra, SCIC, Odisha State Information Commission
- Shri Oinam Sunil Singh, SCIC, Manipur State Information Commission
- Shri Lalduhlthana Ralte, SCIC, Mizoram State Information Commission
- Shri M. Ravi Kumar, SCIC, Andhra Pradesh State Information Commission
- Dr. Raja Sadaram Soma, SCIC, Telangana State Information Commission
- Shri Chanbemo Lotha, SCIC, Nagaland, State Information Commission
- Shri Suresh Arora, SCIC, Punjab State Information Commission

Also Present:

- Shri Khushwant Singh, SIC, Punjab State Information Commission
- Shri J.P. Mangain, SIC, Uttarakhand State Information Commission
- Shri Ashutosh Sharma, SIC, Rajasthan State Information Commission
- Shri C.P. Dhakal, SIC, Sikkim State Information Commission
- Shri G.H. Ramlia, SIC, Nagaland State Information Commission
- Shri Somanathan Pillai, SIC, Kerala State Information Commission
- Shri K.L. Vivekanandan, SIC, Kerala State Information Commission
- Smt. Srilatha P.R., SIC, Kerala State Information Commission

NFICI's officers:

- Shri Anil Kumar Gehlot, Joint Secretary , CIC & Honorary Secretary, NFICI, New Delhi
- Shri Sushil Kumar, Deputy Secretary, CIC & Executive Secretary, NFICI, New Delhi.

The meeting commenced with the warm welcome by R. Rajagopal, State Chief Information Commissioner, Tamilnadu State Information Commission.

Shri Sudhir Bhargava, Chief Information Commissioner, Central Information Commission and President, NFICI presided over the meeting and appreciated and thanked Shri R. Rajagopal, State Chief Information Commissioner, Tamilnadu State Information Commission for his warm welcome & hospitality and organizing the meeting at Tamilnadu.

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Agenda:

1) Confirmation of Minutes of last Special General Body Meeting held on 27.09.2019 at CIC Bhawan, New Delhi:

The Minutes of the last Special General Body Meeting held on 27.09.2019 at CIC Bhawan, New Delhi were confirmed.

2) Election of Vice-President of NFICI:

Shri Vinson M. Paul, State Chief Information Commissioner, Kerala was unanimously elected as Vice-President of NFICI from the existing members of Board of Governors, vice Shri H.S. Das, SCIC, Assam who demitted office on 30th November, 2019.

3) Election of Member for Board of Governors in place of SCIC Assam:

Shri H.S. Das, State Chief Information Commissioner, Assam Member of Board of Governors has demitted office on 30th November, 2019; Shri Chanbemo Lotha, State Chief Information Commissioner, Nagaland from zone 3 was unanimously elected as Member of Board of Governors for two years beginning from 14-12-2019.

4) Status of Audit of Annual Accounts for the year 2018-19:


The Annual Accounts comprising of Income & Expenditure Statement, Receipts & Payments Statement and the balance Sheet for the year 2018-19 along with Auditor Report prepared by M/s Deepak Batra & Associates, Chartered Accountant have been approved. The rates for Book keeping quoted by the firm were also discussed. However, the members were of the view that the job of Book keeping should be done by the firm within the rates approved in the Special General Body Meeting held on 27.09.2019. Accordingly, the matter be negotiated with M/s Deepak Batra & Associates.

5) Important decisions & Initiatives submitted by State Information Commission to Editorial Board:

In pursuance to the decision taken in last Special General Body Meeting held on 27.09.2019 at CIC Bhawan, New Delhi, an Editorial Board headed by Shri H.S. Das, SCIC Assam had selected 25 important decisions out of 49 decisions/initiatives received from various State Information Commissions. As Shri H.S. Das has demitted office on 30th November, 2019 and few entries are only received, it was decided that State Information Commissions may send their important decisions & initiatives in the proforma (copy enclosed) to the NFICI's e-mail info.nfici@gmail.com by 15th January, 2020. Shri Basudeb Banerjee, SCIC West Bengal will take a review of those decisions with other members of Editorial Board for which a meeting may be arranged.

6) Status of transfer of NFICI's website from YASHADA to CIC, New Delhi:

The members of the Federation were apprised with the status of transfer of website from YASHADA, Pune to CIC, New Delhi. It was informed that as per NIC's mandatory requirement, Security Audit of the NFICI's website is required before uploading the same on the NIC's Server. A work order to M/s. AKS Information Technology Services Private Ltd, (An empanelled organization with Govt. of India) has been placed for Security Audit, report generation including recommendations and issue of Certificate at the quoted rate of Rs. 25,000/-. The members of the Federation approved the same.



7) Outstanding Annual Membership Fee from respective State Information Commissions:

The issue of outstanding annual membership fee from the respective State Information Commissions was placed before the members and it was resolved that all member State Information Commissions may deposit their outstanding annual membership fee upto the year 2019-20. State Information Commissions were requested to intimate the details of their deposit as per prescribed format (enclosed) to reconcile the payment received.

8) (a) Status of furnishing of Utilization Certificate and Vouchers in r/o 1st Grant and release of 2nd Grant of Rs. 4.00 Lakhs to remaining State Information Commissions:

The members of the Federation were apprised with the status of outstanding Utilization Certificate and Vouchers in r/o 1st Grant released to different State Information Commissions. It was decided that remaining 4 State Information Commissions viz Jharkhand, Bihar, Maharashtra and West Bengal may submit their Utilization Certificate along with supporting vouchers in r/o 1st Grant. 4 State Information Commissions, Odisha, Punjab, Rajasthan and Sikkim have submitted only Utilization Certificate but their supporting vouchers are still pending, they may submit their outstanding vouchers in r/o 1st Grant. State Information Commission Jammu & Kashmir has submitted UC & Vouchers for Rs. 1,20,922/- and UC & Vouchers of the balance fund is still awaited. It was resolved that the respective SIC may submit their UC & Vouchers by 31st March, 2020.

It was decided that 2nd Grant of Rs. 4.00 Lakhs may be released to Andhra Pradesh State Information Commission.


(b) The issue regarding release of Grant to SIC was raised during discussion in the meeting. It was decided by members of Federation that considering the availability / paucity of funds at the disposal of NFICI in its Bank Account, the Grant of Rs. 4.00 Lakhs to all SIC may not be released as a matter of routine but may be given to only those SIC who actually need it as most of the SICs also get funds from their DoPs / respective State for RTI related activities, training matters etc.

9) Any other item the permission of the Chair:

Members of Federation decided that in the absence/demitting of office by the Chief Information Commissioner, Central Information Commission, New Delhi and President, NFICI, the powers of President of NFICI may be exercised by the Vice-President, NFICI.

The Special agenda of Tamilnadu State Information Commission was dropped by them.

The President, NFICI concluded the meeting with a vote of thanks to all participants


(Sudhir Bhargava)
President, NFICI

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'FORMAT' for important decisions and Initiatives for Editorial Board of NFICI

1. Name of State Commission: _____
2. Order No. & Date: _____
3. Subject Section/Issue: _____
4. Operative Section: _____

Summary:

Note: Any Supreme Court/High Court order relating to above decision may be quoted.

FORMAT for intimating deposit of Annual Subscription of NFICI

Dated: _____

To,

Shri Sushil Kumar
Executive Secretary (NFICI)
National Federation of Information Commissions in India
In the office premises of Central Information Commission (CIC)
Room No. 05, Club Building, Old JNU Campus,
New Delhi – 110067

Sub: Payment of NFICI Annual Membership Fee.

The Details of NFICI's Annual Subscription deposited through RTGS/NEFT/Cheque/DD.

1.	Name of State Information Commission	
2.	Deposited Amount	
3.	Year(s) of Subscription	
4.	Date of Deposit	
5.	RTGS/NEFT/Cheque/DD No. & date	

Secretary/HoD

_____ State Information Commission