NATIONAL FEDERATION OF INFORMATION COMMISSIONS IN INDIA

Minutes of Special General Body Meeting held on 30.06.2018 at 1130 hrs In the office premises of Central Information Commission, Room No. 5, Club Building, Old JNU Campus, New Delhi - 110067

Participants:

Board of Governors:

- Shri R K Mathur, IAS (Retd.), (President), CCIC, Central Information Commission
- Shri Himaangshu Sekhar Das, IAS (Retd.), (Vice President), SCIC, Assam State Information Commission
- Shri Prashant Sadashiv Prabhu Tendolkar, SCIC, Goa State Information Commission
- Dr. A.K. Sinha, IAS (Retd), SCIC, Bihar State Information Commission
- Shri Basudeb Banerjee, IAS (Retd), SCIC, West Bengal State Information Commission
- Dr. Suchethana Swaroop, SCIC, Karnataka State Information Commission

Members Present:

- Dr. Joram Begi, (Member), SCIC, Arunachal Pradesh State Information Commission
- Shri Suresh Chowdhary, IPS (Retd.), SCIC, Rajasthan State Information Commission
- Shri D.P. Thaker, SCIC, Gujarat State Information Commission
- Shri Yash Pal Singal, IPS (Retd), SCIC, Haryana State Information Commission
- Shri Sunil Kumar Misra, IRS (Retd.), SCIC, Odisha State Information Commission
- Shri Lalduhthlana Ralte, IFS (Retd.), SCIC, Mizoram State Information Commission
- Shri M.B. Gurung, SCIC, Sikkim, State Information Commission
- Dr. M. Sheela Priya, IAS(Retd), SCIC, Tamil Nadu State Information Commission
- Shri Shatrughna Singh, SCIC, Uttrakhand, State Information Commission

Spl. Invitees:

- Ms. Sashiprava Bindhani, SIC, Odisha State Information Commission
- Shri R. K. Singh, Additional Secretary, Central Information Commission

Also present:

- Shri S.P. Beck, Joint Secretary (Admn), Central Information Commission and Hony. Exe Secretary, NFICI.
- Shri A.C. Patel, Joint Secretary (P&B), Central Information Commission, New Delhi.
- Shri Anil Kumar Gehlot, Joint Secretary (MR), Central Information Commission, New Delhi.
- Shri C.V. Vinod, Consultant, Central Information Commission.

The meeting commenced with the welcome address of Shri R K Mathur, Chief Information Commissioner and President, NFICI. He informed that the next Special General Body Meeting will be held in Srinagar sometimes in the month of June under the guidance of Shri Khurshid Ahmed Ganai, J&K State Chief Information Commissioner.

Agenda

(i) Confirmation of minutes of last Special General Body Meeting:

The minutes of the Special General Body Meeting held on 07.04.2018 was confirmed.

(ii) Income Tax Exemption – Proceedings of the Commissioner of Income Tax (Exemptions) dated 31.05.2016:

It was decided to file an appeal before the Income Tax Appellate Tribunal.

(iii) Draft Amendment to the Rules & Regulations for NFICI at New Delhi:

The existing Memorandum of Association, By-Laws and Rules & Regulation be amended (Through Registrar or Societies, Hyderabad) from the point of view of the proceedings before the Income Tax Appellate Tribunal, as already decided in the Special Annual General Body meeting on 7.04.2018.

(iv) Appointment of Executive Secretary:

The remuneration of (Part time) Executive Secretary may be revised to Rs. 12000/per month with effect from 1st July, 2018.

(v) Grant of Funds from NFICI to State Commissions on the lines of earlier grant of Rs. 4 lakhs.

Those Commissions who have submitted the utilisation certificate of earlier released funds may be considered for releasing a further amount of Rs. 4 lakhs to achieve the aims and objectives of NFICI. Guidelines for utilisation of funds may be finalised by CIC & President, NFICI in consultation SCIC Assam & Vice President, NFICI.

It was also decided to have a periodic three day induction/familiarisation programmes for the Information Commissioners at Delhi, with assistance of Central Information Commission.

(vi) Any other item with the permission of the Chair:

A presentation on APPCOMS Software was made by Shri A K Gehlot, JS (MR), CIC. It was informed that the software can be made available free of cost by CIC to any State Information Commission, if they so desire.

The meeting concluded with thanks to all participants.

(R.K. Mathur)

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