

**NATIONAL FEDERATION OF INFORMATION COMMISSIONS IN INDIA**  
Minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Special General Body Meeting held on 08-11-2016, @ 3:00 P.M.  
at DRDO Bhawan, New Delhi.

**Participants:**

***Board of Governors:***

- Shri R K Mathur, IAS (Retd.), CIC, Central Information Commission, New Delhi & President.
- Shri M. Ratan, IPS (Retd.), SCIC, Andhra Pradesh Information Commission & Vice President.
- Dr. Joram Begi, SCIC, Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission.
- Shri Thounaojam Ibobi Singh, IFS (Retd.) SCIC, Manipur Information Commission.
- Smt. Sashi Prava Bindhani, SIC, rep. SCIC Odisha Information Commission.
- Shri Suresh Chowdhary, IPS (Retd.) SCIC, Rajasthan Information Commission.
- Shri S.S. Channy, IAS, (Retd) SCIC, Punjab Information Commission
- Shri P.B.O. Warjiri, IAS (Retd) SCIC, Meghalaya Information Commission

***Members :***

- Shri H. Sekhar Das, IAS (Retd.), SCIC, Assam Information Commission
- Shri L. Krishnamurthy, SIC, rep. SCIC, Karnataka Information Commission.
- Shri Toshi Aier, IAS (Retd.), SCIC, Nagaland Information Commission
- Thiru K. Ramanujam, IPS (Retd.), SCIC, Tamil Nadu Information Commission.
- Shri Prashant Sadashiv Prabhu Tendolkar, SCIC, Goa Information Commission
- Shri V.S. Gadhavi, SIC, rep. SCIC, Gujarat Information Commission
- Shri E. R. Nazir Ahmed, SIC, rep. SCIC, Jammu & Kashmir Information Commission
- Shri Vinson M Paul, SCIC, Kerala Information Commission

- Shri P.R. Dash, SIC, rep. SCIC, Jharkhand Information Commission
- Prof R.S. Kapoor, SIC, rep. SCIC, Himachal Pradesh Information Commission.

***Special Invitees:***

- Shri Himangshu Shekar Choudhary, SIC, Jharkhand Information Commission
- Shri Abraham K Tech, SIC, Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission
- Mrs Nanom Jamoh, SIC, Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission
- Shri Juino De Souza, SIC, Goa Information Commission
- Prof R.S. Kapoor, SIC, Himachal Pradesh Information Commission

***Also Present:***

- Anjali Anand Srivastava, Secretary, Central Information Commission
- Shri.S.P.Beck, JS [Admn], Central Information Commission
- Shri A.Vijaya Prakash, Executive Secretary, NFICI., Hyderabad

The meeting commenced with warm welcome by Shri M. Ratan, SCIC, Andhra Pradesh Information Commission and Vice-President, NFICI he put forth that as per the decision taken in the last Special General Body meeting held on 20.08.2016 at New Delhi he has released Rs. 4.00 lakhs to each member commission, (duly deducting the outstanding amounts due against them), totalling to Rs. 87.00 lakhs. But till 3-11-2016 only an amount of were drawn by (17) State Information Commissions leaving the balance of Rs.30.00 lakhs. The remaining member commissions are requested to draw the amounts so released to them for taking up a project in the public interest with reference to the aims and objects of the Federation as detailed at Doct No. 1 Memorandum of Association. Then he requested the Hon'ble President NFICI and Chief Information Commissioner, Central Information Commission Shri R.K. Mathur, to preside over the meeting.

Shri R. K. Mathur welcomed all the member Commissions and other Special invitees to the meeting, and reiterated the decisions taken in the last Special General meeting for its confirmation.

1. Release of funds i.e. Rs. 4.00 lakhs to each member Commission where there are no dues, and release of funds excluding the due amounts (with a option to get sanction the dues from the respective Governments) to utilise the same for public purpose with reference to the aims and objects of the federation and to furnish the utilisation certificate by the end of 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2016. The members present supported for the decision taken in releasing the funds, however it is requested to extend the date of submission of Utilisation Certificate by 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2017. The same has been agreed to.

2. Confirmation of the decisions taken about "removal of Abroad Clause" in the memorandum of association and as well as in Bye laws. (see item No. 3 of Memorandum of Association and item No. 15 (xiii) of Rules and Regulations of the Bye laws.

The members unanimously resolved to remove the abroad clause from the Memorandum of Association and from the Rules & Regulation of the Bye Laws.

3. Confirmation of the decision taken to amendment the "Dissolution Clause" existing in the Bye laws (see item No. 27 of Rules and Regulations of the Bye laws).

The members unanimously resolved to adopt the suggestion made by the Income Tax authorities in adopting the words "upon dissolution the remaining assets will be transferred to another society not only having similar objects but also having registration u/s 12AA of I.T. Act, 1961".

4. The Executive Secretary brought to the notice of the Chair that in the Bye laws at item No.12 (ii) there is a mention that “the members of Executive Committee (Board of Governors) shall be duty bond to attest the signatures of all the members of newly elected Executive Committee and to see that the said signatures of the outgoing Governing Body tally with the annual list as filed with Registrar of societies before 15 days the succeeding month in which elections were held”.

The Executive Secretary thereby requested the Hon’ble members that it is not possible to get attest of the signatures of newly elected Executive Committee members by the previous Executive Committee members, as there is uncertainty of the previous Executive Committee members attending to the meeting. Hence it is requested to amend the said clause.

The members after detailed discussion resolved and agreed that the newly elected Board of Governors signatures taken in the attendance sheet along with other members be submitted to the Registrar concerned for the purpose of record. This has been agreed to.

The Executive Secretary apprised the members present about the earlier amendments made to the Bye laws with regard to.

1. Inclusion of the Jammu & Kashmir Information Commission as one of the member to the NFICI ( see item No 10 of Bye laws), (as resolved in the 2<sup>nd</sup> General Body meeting held on 21.04.2012)

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2. Removal of zonal system (see item No. 12 (i) of the Bye laws, 2 (K) of the Rules & Regulations and item No. 14 of Rules & Regulations) (as resolved in the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual General Body Meeting held on 18-04-2015).

(Please see the minutes of the meetings referred on the NFICI Website: [www.nfici.org](http://www.nfici.org).)

The Vice President requested all the members Commissions to see that the Annual membership fee for the current financial year be paid to the Federation. Regarding dues, it is said that the respective member Commissions are at liberty to claim the due amounts from their respective Governments and utilise the same as part of Rs. 4.00 lakhs for taking up a scheme in the public interest.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to all the respective members and special Invitees participated in the meeting by the executive Secretary.

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