

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF INFORMATION COMMISSIONS IN INDIA Minutes of 25th Board of Governors Meeting held on 27.05.2022 at 11:30 hrs At CIC Bhawan, New Delhi

Participants:

Board of Governors:

- Shri Y.K. Sinha, (President), CCIC, Central Information Commission, New Delhi
- Shri M.K. Raut, SCIC Chhattisgarh State Information Commission
- Shri Amrutbhai Patel, SCIC Gujarat State Information Commission
- Shri R. Rajagopal, SCIC Tamil Nadu State Information Commission
- Shri I. Meyionen Jamir, SCIC Nagaland State Information Commission

NFICI's officers:

- Shri Sidh Kumar, Joint Secretary, CIC & Honorary Secretary, NFICI, New Delhi
- Shri Sarvottam Kumar, PS, CIC & Executive Secretary, NFICI, New Delhi.

Shri Sidh Kumar, Honorary Secretary, NFICI welcomed and greeted all the Hon'ble members of Board of Governors of NFICI to the 25th Board of Governors Meeting and requested to Hon'ble President Shri Y.K. Sinha to start the proceedings please.

Thereafter, Shri Y.K. Sinha thanked and welcomed all the BOG members for their presence in the meeting at CIC Bhawan, New Delhi. The meeting was started with the following agenda points:

1. Confirmation of Minutes of last Meeting: The last 24th Board of Governors meeting was held on 04.03.2022 through Video Conferencing. Minutes of the meeting were confirmed by the members of the Board of Governors of NFICI.

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- 2. Election of Vice-President of NFICI from present BOG: Shri R. Rajagopal, State Chief Information Commissioner, SIC Tamil Nadu was unanimously elected as Vice-President of NFICI by existing members of Board of Governors, vice Shri Yash Pal Singal, SCIC Haryana who demitted office on 23.03.2022.
 - The BOG members suggested that in order to be elected as the Vice-President and Member of the Board of Governors of NFICI, a member should have a minimum tenure of six months remaining as SCIC.
- 3. Status of NFICI's Grant and Outstanding UC and Vouchers from SICs: The members of the BOG were apprised about the status of NFICI's first and second grants and outstanding Utilization Certificates and Vouchers. It was decided that the respective State Information Commissions be once again requested to submit their outstanding UCs and supporting vouchers against the first grant and the second grant at the earliest.
- **4. Release of 3rd Grant of NFICI:** Vice-President Sh. R. Rajagopal suggested that the third grant be released to eligible members. All the members of BOG present agreed to this suggestion. It was decided that this agenda point to be put up before the forthcoming Special General Body meeting scheduled on June, 10, 2022.
- 5. Status of Annual membership from SICs: The members of the BOG were apprised about the status of Annual Membership fee upto F.Y. 2021-22. It was decided that the members who have not yet deposited their Annual Membership fee, be once again requested to do so.

6. Discussion of revision of Guidelines for utilization of funds/grants:

- A draft Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for utilization of NFICI Grants/Funds was
 placed in front of the BOG Members. The BOG Members exchanged views and an in-depth
 discussion about the guidelines for utilization of funds/grants took place.
- The President of NFICI proposed that the Vice-President Shri R. Rajagopal, SCIC Tamil Nadu may like to flesh out the salient points of discussion and propose a draft paper which would be circulated among the BOG members and discussed and approved in the forthcoming 14th Special General Body meeting scheduled on June 10, 2022.

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7. Certification of Minutes of Meeting at Registrar of Societies, Hyderabad: The members of the BOG were apprised about that the Minutes of the NFICI Meetings which are sent to the Registrar of Societies for Certification. The uncertified minutes are yet to be sent to the Registrar of Societies, Hyderabad for certification. Minutes of the meeting up to 08.03.2021 have been certified from the Registrar's Office, Hyderabad and after 08.03.2021 a total of seven meetings have been held whose minutes are pending for certification. The details of the uncertified minutes of the meeting are given below:

S.No.	Date	Minutes of Meeting
1.	14.06.2019	19 th BOG & 9 th SGB Meeting
2.	27.09.2019	10 th SGB Meeting
3.	14.12.2019	20 th BOG & 11 th SGB Meeting
4.	29.04.2020	21 st BOG & 12 th SGB Meeting
5.	24.08.2020	22 nd BOG & 9 th AGB Meeting
6.	03.09.2021	23 rd BOG & 13 th SGB Meeting
7.	04.03.2022	24 th BOG & 10 th AGB Meeting

- The members of the Board of Governors were apprised that the completion of this work has been delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Members of Board of Governors approved the same and affixed their signatures as required by Registrar of Societies, Hyderabad for certification of minutes of meetings. Accordingly Executive Secretary, NFICI is directed to submit the Minutes to the Registrar of Societies, Hyderabad.
- **8. Status of NFICI's Current Account and FDs:** The members of the Federation were apprised of the status of NFICI's account being maintained by State Bank of India, Bhikaji Cama Place, New Delhi. The balance as on date 20.05.2022 is Rs. 34,49,193/. The Federation has 18 Fixed Deposits amounting to Rs. 2,01,62,275/- as on date 25.04.2022.
- 9. Any other item with the permission of the Chair.

(Y.K. Sinha)

President, NFICI