

**National Federation of Information Commissions in India (NFICI)**  
**Minutes of the 10<sup>th</sup> Board of Governors Meeting held on 04-09-2013**  
**Venue: DRDO Bhawan, New Delhi**

**Participants:**

- 1) Shri Satyananda Mishra, IAS (Retd.),  
Presiden, NFICI & CCIC, Central Information Commission
- 2) Shri Jannat Husain, IAS (Retd.),  
Vice President, NFICI & SCIC, A.P. Information Commission
- 3) Shri Sujit Kumar Sarkar, IPS (Retd.),  
Board of Governor & SCIC, West Bengal Information Commission.
- 4) Shri Bhimsen, IAS (Retd.),  
Board of Governor & SCIC, Himachal Pradesh Information Commission
- 5) Shri C.D. Kynjing, IAS (Retd.),  
Board of Governor & SCIC, Meghalaya Information Commission
- 6) Shri Sebi Mathews, IAS (Retd.),  
Board of Governor & SCIC, Kerala Information Commission

**Special Invitee:**

Smt. Deepak Sandhu, Central Information Commissioner, New Delhi

**Others:**

Shri A.V. Prakash, Executive Secretary, NFICI  
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Shri **Jannat Husain**, Vice President warmly welcomed **Shri Satyananda Mishra**, the President, NFICI and the other Board of Governors to the meeting, he also welcomed the Special Invitee Smt. **Deepak Sandhu**, CIC, New Delhi to the meeting, then he requested the President, NFICI to preside over the meeting.

Shri **Satyananda Mishra** took up the agenda items and requested the Executive Secretary to read out the action taken report of the previous meeting held on 06-04-2013 at Chattisgarh.

The Executive Secretary read out the action taken report and decisions taken thereon by the Board members which reads as follows: -

a) Releasing of Newsletter (Quarterly Edition):

As promised the Newsletter is published on online by the YASHADA, Pune, to whom the matter was entrusted. The same is released by Shri **Satyananda Mishra**, C.I.C., Central Information Commission and President, NFICI., in presence of the Member Commissions to-day i.e. on 04.09.2013 fore noon at DRDO Bhavan, New Delhi during the interaction session of Central and State Information Commissions.

b) Creation of NFICI Website:

As promised the Website for NFICI is created by YASHADA, Pune, to whom the matter was entrusted. The same is launched by Shri **Satyananda Mishra**, C.I.C., Central Information Commission and President, NFICI., to-day i.e., on 04.09.2013 fore noon at DRDO Bhavan, New Delhi during the interaction session of Central and State Information Commissions.

c) Printing and supply of RTI Act in Braille:

As per the quotations called, the following are the rates quoted for printing of RTI Act Booklet in Braille covering 50pages, which includes binding charges:

Sl. No.	Name of the Printer	Rate per page	Total Amount
1	M/s Suresh Printers, Bazarghat, Hyderabad	Rs.8.10	Rs.405.00
2	M/s Azendla Ads & Printers, Lakdikaphool, Hyderabad	Rs.7.50	Rs.375.00
3	M/s India Designers & Printers, Lakdikaphool, Hyderabad	Rs.8.40	Rs.420.00

The Executive Secretary informed that some other Agencies are being contacted on price issue, and requested further suggestions on the issue from the Board of Governors. The Board of Governors accepted the rates quoted by M/s Azendla Ads & Printers, Lakdikaphool, Hyderabad who quoted lowest quotation and permitted to undertake printing of RTI Act in Braille.

d) Enrollment of Membership:

It is informed that, the Membership of NFICI increased from (22) to (23) by joining Arunachal Pradesh State Information Commission as a member to NFICI, the same has been appreciated by the President.

e) Appointment of Data Entry Operator and Office Subordinate:

It is informed that One Data Entry Operator and one Office Subordinate has been appointed w.e.f. 1<sup>st</sup> August, 2013 on outsourcing basis on fixed consolidated pay of Rs.9,500/- to D.E.O., and Rs.6,700/- for Office Subordinate as per the Government norms followed in A.P. State.

f) Payment of remuneration to the Executive Secretary:

The Executive Secretary informed that during the last meeting held on 06.04.2013 a decision was taken to pay a monthly remuneration of Rs.3,500/- p.m. to the Executive Secretary. But it is not decided from which date it is payable, whether from the date of his appointment or from the date of decision taken. It is requested to clarify the matter. Further the Executive Secretary represented to reconsider the payment of remuneration fixed to him, stating that the remuneration fixed to him is meager.

The Board of Governors discussed over the matter and took a decision to re-fix the remuneration payable to the Executive Secretary at Rs.5,000/- pm. Further it is clarified by the Board that the amount payable is with retrospective effect i.e. from the date of his appointment.

g) Auditing of Accounts of NFICI:

The Executive Secretary furnished a copy of audit report of the NFICI audited by the Auditor for the financial year 2012-2013 viz. M/s. Sagar & Associates (A copy of the same is appended to these minutes for perusal of the members)

h) The Executive Secretary read over the financial position of the NFICI as on 31-08-2013 which is as follows:

- i) Under Fixed Deposits: Rs.1,44,36,134/- (with SBI, Saifabad Branch, Hyd)
- ii) Cash on hand in Current Account: Rs.3,49,574/- -do-

iii) Payment of Annual Membership Fee:

It is informed that during the last Board of Governors meeting held on 06.04.2013, the Annual Membership Fee due for the financial years 2011-12 and 2012-13 by the respective Commissions were shown as follows:

- i) Meghalaya and Uttarakhand . . . 2011-12 & 2012-13
- ii) Sikkim, Haryana, Goa, Manipur and Central Information Commission (New Delhi) . . . . . 2012-13

It is informed that by oversight the Sikkim State Information Commission name was mentioned. The same has been withdrawn on scrutiny on receiving a representation from the Sikkim State Information Commission.

The Executive Secretary informed that, the Meghalaya State Information Commission cleared its dues by furnishing a Demand Draft for Rs.2.00 Lakhs (Rupees two lakhs only.) on 03.09.2013 at DRDO Bhavan, New Delhi during the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention. Further, the West Bengal State Information Commission furnished a Demand Draft for Rs.1.00 Lakh (Rupees one lakh only.) on 03.09.2013 at DRDO Bhavan, New Delhi during the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention for the current financial year i.e., 2013-14, which encourages the other State Information Commissions to follow.

The President informed to the members that the Central Information Commission will clear the payment due for the year 2012-2013 and also requested all other member Commissions to clear the dues and also requested for payment of Annual Membership fee for the current financial year 2013-14 by the respective member Commissions.

j) Enrollment of Membership by leftover State Information Commissions:

The Executive Secretary informed the hon'ble members that the following State Information Commissions are yet to be enrolled as members to NFICI viz.

i) Gujarat ii) Jharkhand iii) Uttar Pradesh iv) Tripura v) Madhya Pradesh and vi) Jammu & Kashmir

Shri **Jannat Husain**, Vice President informed to the members present that he has been informed by the Chief Information Commissioner, Jammu & Kashmir that their Government has sanctioned requisite amounts to enroll Jammu & Kashmir Information Commission to enroll as a member to NFICI and that he will send requisite Demand Draft in this regard soon. The President welcomed the good gesture of J & K Government and

requested other non member Commissions to pursue the matter with their respective Governments to release the funds to enroll themselves as members to the NFICI.

k) Plan of action for 2013-14:

The Hon'ble Members suggested the following plan of action for 2013-14:

- 1) Awareness generation on RTI among the general public, specially Rural poor through Media & Short Tele Films in local languages of the States.
- 2) Role of PIOs in disposing the applications U/s. 6(1) in time through Media & Short Tele Films in local languages of the States.

The Board took a decision to call for the next Board of Governors meeting and next General Body meeting during 2014 by finalizing the specific dates in the matter. The date, time and venue for the meetings will be intimated separately.

The meeting concluded with vote of thanks by Shri **C.D. Kynjing**, SCIC, Meghalaya Information Commission.

Sd/-  
VICE PRESIDENT

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EXECUTIVE SECRETARY