

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF INFORMATION COMMISSIONS IN INDIA
Minutes of 3rd Meeting of General Body of NFICI
Venue: Raipur, Chhattisgarh Dated: 6th April, 2013.

Participants:

Members:

- Shri Sujit Kumar Sarkar, IPS (Rtd.), SCIC., West Bengal Information Commission.
- Shri N.S.Napalchyal, IAS (Rtd.), SCIC., Uttarakhand Information Commission
- Shri R.I.Singh, IAS (Rtd.), SCIC., Punjab Information Commission
- Shri C.D. Kynjing, IAS (Rtd.), SCIC., Meghalaya Information Commission
- Shri M.C. Malakar, SIC., Assam Information Commission
- Shri Pramod Kumar Mohanty, SIC., Odisha Information Commission
- Shri J.S. Veerupakshiah, SIC., Karnataka Information Commission

Special Invitees:

- Shri S.K.Tiwari, SIC., Chhattisgarh Information Commission
- Shri Anil Joshi, SIC., Chhattisgarh Information Commission

Board of Governors:

- Shri Jannat Husain, IAS (Rtd.) SCIC., Andhra Pradesh Information Commission
(Vice President)
- Shri Serjius Minj, IAS (Rtd.), SCIC., Chhattisgarh Information Commission.
- Thiru K.S.Sripathi, IAS (Rtd.), SCIC., Tamilnadu Information Commission.
- Shri Lalhuma, IAS (Rtd.), SCIC., Nagaland Information Commission.
- Shri Bhimsen, IAS (Rtd.), SCIC., Himachal Pradesh Information Commission

Also present:

- Shri R.S.Thakur, Secretary, Chhattisgarh Information Commission.
- Shri A.Vijaya Prakash, Executive Secretary, NFICI., Hyderabad

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The Meeting commenced with the warm welcome by Shri Serjius Minj, State Chief Information Commissioner, Chhattisgarh Information Commission.

1. Shri Jannat Husain, Vice President presided over the meeting, and appreciated and thanked Shri Serjius Minj for his warm welcome & hospitality and organized the meeting at Raipur (Chhattisgarh) with the support of the Govt. of Chhattisgarh.

Shri Jannat Husain informed the Members that he has received an SMS from Shri Satyananda Mishra, President NFICI and Central Chief Information Commissioner, New Delhi about his regrets for not attending the meeting due to some unavoidable circumstances. Then he took up the Agenda of the General Body

Meeting and asked the Executive Secretary to read out the A.T.R. on previous General Body Meeting held at New Delhi on 21.4.2012, and the A.T.R. of the last Board of Governors Meeting held at Pune on 24.11.2012, for its confirmation by the Board.

2. The Action Taken Report on the decisions taken in the last **General Body Meeting** held on 21-04-2012 at New Delhi read out by the Executive Secretary is reproduced here under:
 - I. **To Start a News Letter of NFICI:**
The Federation took a decision to start a quarterly magazine in its place and work is in progress
 - II. **Fixing of remuneration of Rs.10,000/- p.a. to the Auditor appointed to NFICI:** The decision taken has been implemented.
 - III. **Enrolment of Membership by non member Commissions:**
The Membership of NFICI increased to (21) from (18) on receiving the Membership by the Mizoram, West Bengal and Maharashtra State Information Commissions.
 - IV. **Amendment to the Rules to facilitate inclusion of Jammu & Kashmir Information Commission as Member of NFICI:**
The Bye Law No.10 was amended to facilitate the Jammu & Kashmir Information Commission to enroll as member of NFICI. The response of Jammu & Kashmir is awaited.
3. The Board Members differed the decision taken to publish a **Quarterly Journal/Magazine** It was decided to call it a news letter instead of Journal or Magazine as Journal or Magazine will require many certificates from the Authorities. It was thought that obtaining those certificates will delay the matters and the printing of the Magazine may further delayed. As three editorial committee members were present in the meeting it was decided they can have detailed discussion in this regard. Shri N.S. Napolchyal, CIC, Uttarakhand was also requested to be present in that meeting.
4. the Board advised to see that the NEWS LETTER is published by **Ist June, 2013** with the co-operation of Director General, YASHADA, Pune represented by Shri Pralhad Kachare, Director, RTI., YASHADA (Ph.No. 020 -25608146, Cell: 09422750464, E-mail: pkachare@gmail.com) who has taken responsibility in publishing the same.
5. The Board has taken note of the other (3) decisions taken in the last General Body meeting

6. **Action Taken Report on the decisions taken in the Board of Governors meeting held on 24.11.2012 at Pune (Maharashtra):**

I. **Bringing out a Quarterly magazine / Journal of NFICI:**

This item has already been discussed above however the members are informed that w.r. to the details of estimates furnished by the Director General, YASHADA, Pune in his letter dt. 19-03-2013 the required funds i.e. Rs.6,09,600/-were released by cheque. That it will be intimated to Director General, YASHADA to utilise the funds released for the purpose of releasing the News Letter duly reserving the surplus fund if any for future purpose.

II. **Commencing of NFICI Website:**

The Director General, YASHADA, Pune to whom the work was entrusted sent estimates for the purpose recently, and a part payment sought Rs.1,76,790 /- was paid by way of cheque to initiate the work (Out of total amount payable i.e. Rs. 3,53,580/-).

III. **Appointment of One Data Entry Operator and purchase of some Office equipments to run the Office of NFICI :**

It is informed that One Laptop and Printer/Scanner/Copier cum Xerox was procured from **Kendriya Bhandar**, Hyderabad with a cost of Rs.95,800/- and order was placed to procure furniture and One Almirah. Regarding appointment of one Data Entry Operator, it is proposed to the Board, to take a decision to appoint one Data Entry Operator and One Office Subordinate (both on part time basis), and to fix up their remuneration, including that of the Executive Secretary already discharging the duties.

After discussions the Board took a decision to take action to appoint one regular Data Entry Operator, and one Office Subordinate on regular basis from an Out Sourcing Agency on usual terms and conditions of payment. Further the Board took a decision to pay an Honorarium at the rate of Rs.3,500/- (Rs. Three thousand five hundred only) per month to the Executive Secretary for the services being rendered by him. Accordingly the Board partly modified the decisions taken previously.

7. **Report of the Executive Secretary, and approval of the Auditor's Report for the**

Financial Years 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12.

The Executive Secretary read over the Financial Reports duly Audited by the Auditor (Copy Appended). The same has been approved by the Board.

8. Appointment of staff and fixing of monthly remuneration.
This Issue has already been discussed and finalized.

9. Election of New Board of Governors:

The Hon'ble Members re-elected Shri Satyananda Mishra, Central Chief Information Commissioner. New Delhi as President to the Federation, and Shri Jannat Husain, Chief Information Commissioner, Andhra Pradesh Information Commission as its Vice President as per the decision taken in the last General Body Meeting.

Further the following State Information Commissions represented by its Chief Information Commissioners were elected as 4th Board of Governors:

Kerala
Himachal Pradesh
Sikkim
Goa
Bihar
Meghalaya
West Bengal

The General Body concluded its meeting with greetings to the new Board of Governors elected. All the members present appreciated the arrangements made for the meeting by the Chhattisgarh Information Commission and his staff and all other Officials who taken part in the event.

Sd/-
Jannat Husain
Chief Information Commissioner, APIC
& Vice President, NFICI

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EXECUTIVE SECRETARY