

STATUS OF WORK IN THE INFORMATION COMMISSIONS IN INDIA

IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE *NAMIT SHARMA*¹ JUDGEMENT OF THE HON'BLE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA

Sl. #	Information Commission	Status of Work	Work status advice received from:	Source of information
1.	Andhra Pradesh	Working	Information not available	The Commission's representative refused to disclose his identity. He advised CHRI to contact the Secretary (Law), IC. The Secretary claimed that he was not aware of the Supreme Court judgement
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	Halted	Meanwhile, the IC has sought advice from the Law Department about future course of action	Current State Information Commissioner (only one member exists)
3.	Assam	Halted	IC decided to halt work on its own	Personal Secretary to the State Chief Information Commissioner
4.	Bihar	Working	Information not available	Deputy Director, State Information Commission
5.	Chhattisgarh	Working	Meanwhile the IC has sought clarification from the Government about future course of action	Public Information Officer of the IC

¹ *Namit Sharma v Union of India* [Writ Petition (Civil) No. 201 of 2010]

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6.	Goa	Halted	Information not available	Public Information Officer of the IC informed CHRI that there were no serving Commissioners
7.	Gujarat	Working	Information not available	Legal Officer, IC
8.	Haryana	Halted	Legal Advisor, Government of Haryana advised the IC to halt work	Personal Secretary to the State Chief Information Commissioner
9.	Himachal Pradesh	Working	Information not available	Personal Assistant, State Chief Information Commissioner
10.	Jharkhand	Halted	Information not available	The Commission's representative disconnected the phone abruptly before CHRI could ascertain his identity
11.	Karnataka	Working	No communication received from the Government about the judgement	Private Secretary to the State Chief Information Commission
12.	Kerala	Working	Advocate General of Kerala advised the IC to continue its work	Private Secretary to the State Chief Information Commission
13.	Madhya Pradesh	Halted	IC decided to halt work on its own	The Commission's representative refused to disclose his identity
14.	Maharashtra	Halted	IC decided to halt work on its own. Meanwhile it has sought legal opinion from the State Government	Private Assistant to the State Chief Information Commissioner

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15.	Manipur	Working	Information not available	Deputy Director, IC
16.	Meghalaya	Working	Information not available	Secretary, IC informed CHRI that the Commission on an average holds only 4-5 hearings per month
17.	Mizoram	Working	Information not available	Private Secretary to the Secretary, IC
18.	Nagaland	Working	Information not available	Principal Private Secretary to the State Chief Information Commissioner
19.	Odisha	Working	Information not available	Senior Private Secretary to the State Chief Information Commissioner
20.	Punjab	Halted	Advocate General advised the IC to halt work	Private Secretary to the Secretary, IC
21.	Rajasthan	Halted	IC decided to halt work on its own	Registrar, IC
22.	Sikkim	Working	Information not available	Law Officer, IC provided the reply but also wanted to know why CHRI was asking such questions
23.	Tamil Nadu	Working	Information not available	The Commission's representative refused to disclose his designation. He claimed that the IC continued with its work as it has 'judicial members' on board

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24.	Tripura	Working	Information not available	Private Secretary to the State Chief Information Commissioner
25.	Uttarakhand	Working	Information not available	Law Officer, IC
26.	Uttar Pradesh	Working	Information not available	Law Officer, IC
27.	West Bengal	Working	Information not available	Personal Assistant to the State Chief Information Commissioner
28.	Central Information Commission	Working	Meanwhile the IC has sought advice from the Law Department about future course of action	Staff of the Central Information Commission

Jammu and Kashmir State Information Commission continues with its business as usual as the Supreme Court judgement does not cover the arrangements made under the J&K Right to Information Act, 2009 for the disposal of second appeals and complaints.

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