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KARNATAKA INFORMATION COMMISSION

No.SCIC/84/2005

Room No.302, 302-A,

Vidhana Soudha,

Bangalore-1, Dated:10th October 2005

NOTIFICATION

In accordance with the provisions of Section 4(b) of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (Central Act No.22 of 2005) particulars with regard to Karnataka Information Commission, Bangalore are published as in the Annexure to this Notification, for information of the General Public.

(S.R.SAYINATH PRAKASH)

Under Secretary,

Karnataka Information Commission.

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A. THE ORGANISATION

1. Karnataka Information Commission (KIC) has been constituted by Government of Karnataka under Section 15 (1) of The Right to Information Act, 2005 (No.22 of 2005), hereinafter referred to as RTI Act.

2. The Commission has started functioning from Vidhana Soudha with the appointment of State Chief Information Commissioner. The office support presently consists of one Under Secretary to the Commission, one Personal Assistant, one Assistant, one Junior Assistant and one Dalayath. The Commission has been allowed use of a car and a driver from State Hospitality Organisation.

B. MAIN FUNCTIONS & DUTIES

3. The powers and functions of Information Commissions, appeals and penalties are contained in Chapter-V of RTI Act. Under this Chapter, the Commission is to receive and enquire into complaints regarding non appointment of State PIOs, refusal by State PIOs/APIOs to accept/forward an application seeking information or an appeal under the provisions of the Act, refusal of access to requested information, non receipt of a response to request for information or access to information within specified time limit, seeking payment of fee which appears unreasonable, giving of incomplete, misleading or false information under RTI Act or in respect of any other matter relating to requesting or obtaining access to records under RTI Act.

4. Under Section 19(3), the Commission is also the Second Appellate Authority (against the orders of First Appellate Authority). The orders that the Commission may pass while disposing the appeal are enumerated in Section 19(8) of RTI Act. Section 20 of the Act empowers the Commission to impose penalties on State PIOs/APIOs as also recommend disciplinary action against them.

5. Section 25 of the Act requires the Commission to prepare annual reports on the implementation of the provisions of RTI Act.

C. POWERS & DUTIES OF OFFICERS & EMPLOYEES

6. The State Chief Information Commissioner is responsible for general superintendence, direction and management of Karnataka Information Commission. State Information Commissioners may be appointed to assist him. The State Chief Information Commissioner and the State Information Commissioners may exercise all such powers and do all such things, which may be exercised or done by Karnataka Information Commission, autonomously without being subjected to directions by any other authority under the Act.

D. PROCEDURE IN DECISION MAKING, CHANNELS OF SUPERVISION, ACCOUNTABILITY & NORMS FOR DISCHARGE OF FUNCTIONS

7. The main function of Karnataka Information Commission is to receive and enquire into complaints in matters relating to requesting or obtaining access to information under RTI Act as also act as the Second Appellate Authority against the orders of State Public Information Officers. The Act provides that while inquiring into any complaint under Section 18, the Commission shall have the same powers as are vested in a Civil Court while trying a suit under Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 in respect of summoning and enforcing attendance of persons, discovery and inspection of documents, receiving evidence on affidavit, requisitioning any public records, issuing summonses for examination of witnesses or documents etc.

8. The Commission is autonomous and is not subject to directions by any other authority under the Act. The Commission is required to prepare annual reports on implementation of the provisions of the Act during the year and the State Government is required to cause a copy of the report of the Commission laid before each House of the State Legislature.

E. RULES, REGULATIONS, INSTRUCTIONS, MANUALS & RECORDS HELD OR USED

9. The Commission is governed by The Right to Information Act 2005 and Rules made by the Government under the said Act. In dealing with complaints, the Commission also exercises some powers of Courts under The Code of Civil Procedure, 1908. The Commission will be maintaining separate records of complaints and appeals made to it under the Act.

F. ARRANGEMENTS FOR CONSULTATION/REPRESENTATION BY MEMBERS OF PUBLIC.

10. Members of Public are welcome to make suggestions for improving the implementation of the Act which could be considered by the Commission in preparing its

Annual Report under section 25(1) of the Act or making suitable recommendations to concerned Public Authority under section 25(5) of the Act.

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G. BOARDS, COUNCILS, COMMITTEES

11. The Commission has not constituted any such bodies.

H. DIRECTORY OF THE OFFICERS & EMPLOYEES AND THEIR REMUNERATION

12. (I) DIRECTORY OF THE OFFICERS & EMPLOYEES AND MONTHLY REMUNERATION RECEIVED BY THEM.

1.	Sri. K.K.Misra	State Chief Information Commissioner	Rs. 54450/- (excluding pension)
2	Sri. S.R.Sayinath Prakash	Under Secretary	Rs. 17912/-
3	Sri. R.Mohana	Personal Assistant	Rs. 13410/-
4	Sri. N. Venu	Assistant	Rs. 11640/-
5	Sri. M.S.Ganesh	Junior Assistant	Rs. 5515/-
6	Sri.Virupaksh Chary	Dalayath	Rs. 4720/-

(II) SERVICES OUTSOURCED & MONTHLY PAYMENT.

1	Smt. Saraswathi Barik	Unskilled	Rs. 3065/-
2	Smt. Susai Amma	Unskilled	Rs. 3065/-
3	Sri. Harish	Unskilled	Rs. 3065/-

I. SYSTEM OF COMPENSATION

13. The salaries and allowances payable to and other terms and conditions of service of –

- (a) the State Chief Information Commissioner shall be the same as that of an Election Commissioner.
- (b) the State Information Commissioner shall be the same as that of the Chief Secretary to the State Government.

14. The salaries and allowance payable to other officers and employees of Karnataka Information Commission shall be on par with other State Government employees of equivalent rank.

J. BUDGET ALLOCATION AND EXPENDITURES

15. The State Government has provided a sum of Rs.50,00,000 (Fifty Lakhs) out of Contingency fund to meet the administrative expenditure of Karnataka Information

Commission. The amount is to be recouped from the Head of Account "2251-00-090-02-Karnataka Information Commission 101 G.I.A "

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16. The Main expenditure would be on establishment, salaries and office setup expenditure.

K. THE MANNER OF EXECUTION OF SUBSIDY PROGRAMMES, INCLUDING THE AMOUNTS ALLOCATED AND THE DETAILS OF BENEFICIARIES OF SUCH PROGRAMMES.

17. NIL

L. PARTICULARS OF RECIPIENTS OF CONCESSIONS, PERMITS OR AUTHORISATIONS GRANTED BY IT.

18. NIL

M. DETAILS IN RESPECT OF THE INFORMATION, AVAILABLE TO OR HELD BY IT, REDUCED IN AN ELECTRONIC FORM.

19. A Web-site for the Commission is being developed.

N. THE PARTICULARS OF FACILITIES AVAILABLE TO CITIZENS FOR OBTAINING INFORMATION, INCLUDING THE WORKING HOURS OF A LIBRARY OR READING ROOM, IF MAINTAINED FOR PUBLIC USE.

20. No Library or Reading Room is being maintained by KIC for public use. The Citizens can approach the officers of KIC for any information concerning the Commission. The Commission is also developing a Website for general information.

O. THE NAMES, DESIGNATIONS AND OTHER PARTICULARS OF THE PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICERS :

21. The Commission has appointed Sri S.R.Sayinath Prakash, Under Secretary as the Public Information Officer of the Commission. The Office Telephone No. is 22253651.

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(S.R.SAYINATH PRAKASH)
Under Secretary
Karnataka Information Commission