

GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU

ABSTRACT

The Right to Information Act, 2005 – Tamil Nadu State Information Commission – Constitution of – Orders – Issued.

PUBLIC (Estt.I & Leg) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.988

Dated: 7.10.2005.

Read :

From the Secretary, Government of India, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, New Delhi D.O. letter No.34012/ S/2005/Estt.(B) dated 23.06.2005.

ORDER:

The Government of India have enacted the Right to Information Act, 2005 (Central Act 22 of 2005) to provide for setting up the practical regime of right to information for citizens to secure access to the information under the control of Public Authorities in order to promote transparency and accountability in the working of every Public Authority.

2. As per sub-section (1) of section 15 of the Right to Information Act, 2005, every State Government shall, by notification in the official gazette, constitute a body to be known as State Information Commission to exercise the powers conferred on, and to perform the functions assigned to, it under that Act. As per sub section (2) of section 15 of the said Act, the State Information Commission shall consist of:-

- a) one State Chief Information Commissioner, and
- b) such number of State Information Commissioners not exceeding 10 as may be deemed necessary.

3. As per section 16(6) of the Right to Information Act, 2005, the State Government shall provide the State Chief Information Commissioner and the State Information Commissioners with such officers and employees as may be necessary for the efficient performance of their functions under the Act, and allowances payable to and the terms and conditions of service of the officers and other employees appointed for the purpose of this Act shall be such as may be prescribed.

4. The Government have decided to constitute the Tamil Nadu Information Commission to exercise the powers conferred on, and perform the functions assigned to, it under the Act. The Government have also decided that the said Commission shall consist of (1) one State Chief Information Commissioner and (2) two State Information Commissioners.

5. The Government also direct that the Tamil Nadu Information Commission shall be supported with the following officers:

- a) one Secretary to Commission not below the rank of Secretary to Government to assist the State Information Commissioners in the State Information Commission.
- b) one Deputy Secretary not below the rank of Deputy Secretary to Government in the Secretariat to assist the Secretary of the Commission.

The Government also direct that the headquarters of the Commission shall be at Chennai. Orders on sanction of other supporting staff will be issued separately.

6. The following Notification shall be published in the Tamil Nadu Government Gazette Extraordinary, dated the Friday, 7th October, 2005:-

NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-sections (1) and (2) of section 15 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (Central Act 22 of 2005), the Governor of Tamil Nadu hereby constitutes the Tamil Nadu Information Commission to exercise the powers conferred on, and to perform the functions assigned to, it under the said Act. The said Commission shall consist of,-

- (1) the State Chief Information Commissioner; and
- (2) two State Information Commissioners.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

**G. RAMAKRISHNAN
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.**

To
The Chief State Information Commissioner,
Tamil Nadu Information Commission, Chennai.
The State Information Commissioner,
Tamil Nadu Information Commission, Chennai.
All Collectors
The Director General of Police, Chennai.
The Secretary to Government of India, Ministry of Personnel,
Public Grievances and Pensions, New Delhi.
The Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi.
The Works Manager, Government Central Press, Chennai-79
(for publication in the Extraordinary issue of Tamil Nadu Government Gazette)
All Departments of Secretariat.
The Secretary to Governor
The Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Minister
All Senior Personal Assistants to Ministers.

//Forwarded/By order//

SECTION OFFICER.