

Minutes of the Meeting dated 1.2.2011

Present:

- A. Shri Satyananda Mishra, Chief Information Commissioner
- B. Smt. Annapurna Dixit, Information Commissioner
- C. Sri M L Sharma, Information Commissioner
- D. Shri Shailesh Gandhi, Information Commissioner
- E. Smt. Deepak Sandhu, Information Commissioner
- F. Smt. Sushma Singh, Information Commissioner
- G. Secretary Shri B.B. Srivastava and other officers assisted the Commission

Agenda 1: Receipt/disposal/uploading statement for the month of December, 2010

The Commission noted the statement for receipt/disposal for the month of December, 2010. It expressed satisfaction over the disposal of the cases during December.

Agenda 2: Recommendations of the Committee of ICs to suggest the format/structure of the 6th Annual Conventions

The recommendations of the committee of ICs to suggest the format/structure of the sixth convention for the Commission scheduled to be held on 12-13th October, 2011 was discussed. The Committee felt that an effort should be made to ensure involvement of major stake holders in the convention i.e. Information Commissions, Public Authorities (CPIOs/Appellate Authorities), Civil Society Organisations, NGOs and Citizens using RTI. The Committee suggested that the key note address on the first day of the convention would now be known as the Foundation Day Lecture. The Committee suggested that there should be 4 smaller subgroups which would discuss an approved agenda simultaneously under a chairperson, selected by them, and present its recommendations in the plenary session on the next day. Each of the subgroups would also be provided the terms of reference for discussion.

The Commission desired that CIC/ICs may like to recommend a list of 20 CPIOs and Civil Society Organisations, NGOs, RTI activists each and 10 Appellate Authorities so that invites could be sent well in advance. They may also suggest themes/subthemes for the convention. The Commission

directed that the booking of the Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi should be done right away. It was also desired that a tentative budgetary estimate may be presented to them in the forthcoming meetings. Stakeholders, participating in the convention would bear their own expenditure. It was also decided that approximately 1000 invites would be sent.

The Commission desired that one of the following speakers may be requested to deliver the foundation day lecture:

- Sri Ramchandra Guha
- Sri Pratap Bhanu Mehta
- Professor Upendra Baxi

The Commission decided to request the Prime Minister to inaugurate the convention; and the CM, Bihar to deliver valedictory address.

Agenda 3: A draft reply on the response of the letter dated 6th January, 2011 of DoPT regarding implementation of section 4 of RTI Act, 2005

The Commission desired to take a view on the matter in the next meeting. All necessary papers, in this regard, were made available to the CIC and Information Commissioners.

Supplementary items:

The Commission directed the secretary to ensure that the Annual Reports for 2008-09 and 2009-10 and that of 2010-11 be sent to the Government at the earliest so that they are placed in the Parliament respectively in the Budget and Monsoon sessions.

The Commission directed that letters addressed in any language other than English/Hindi be returned by the CR section with an advice that they may be sent with the translated version, either in English or Hindi. The Commission directed DS (PP) to report the tentative number of such communications lying with the CR section for taking a decision in this respect in the next meeting.