

CENTRAL INFORMATION COMMISSION

Minutes of the weekly meeting of the Central Information Commission held on 20/02/07

Present:

1. Shri Wajahat Habibullah, Chief Information Commissioner
2. Smt. Padma Balasubramanian, Information Commissioner
3. Prof. M.M. Ansari, Information Commissioner
4. Shri A.N. Tiwari, Information Commissioner

2. The train by which Information Commissioner Shri OP Kejariwal was returning from tour having been delayed, he was unable to attend. Secretary, both the Joint Secretaries and Under Secretary also the attended the meeting.

1. Setting up a citizen's help desk in the premises of the CIC by Nyaya Bhoomi

The Commission appreciated the proposal but preferred that Nyaya Bhoomi set it up in its own premises. In case any coordinated effort is required for making the citizens help desk effective, the Commission will be willing to come forward.

2. The issue regarding media relations was discussed. The Commission desired that the Secretary to the Commission organize periodical Press meetings. She should request all ICs to identify significant decisions taken by them the impact of which can be discussed in the Press Conference. She should take guidance from IC(K) in this regard.

3. Thereafter, the Commission met without officers. The following matters were discussed:-

- a) The Commission decided that the matter relating to setting up the Institute for Transparency and Accountability should be pursued with the Planning Commission.
- b) The Commission took a decision that at the next staff meeting the policy for outsourcing staff for the Commission would be discussed.
- c) The Commission should develop its own norms regarding travel and stay of the Information Commissioners during an official tour. The possibility of a tie up with ITDC should be explored.
- d) The Commission nominated IC(T) for the Fifth International Conference of Information Commissioners scheduled to be held from 26th to 29th November, 2007, in Wellington, New Zealand.