

Minutes of the Meeting dated 21.07.2009

Present: -

- A. Shri Wajahat Habibullah, Chief Information Commissioner
- B. Shri A. N. Tiwari, Information Commissioner
- C. Prof. M.M. Ansari, Information Commissioner
- D. Shri Satyananda Mishra, Information Commissioner
- E. Shri M L Sharma, Information Commissioner
- E. Shri. Shailesh Gandhi, Information Commissioner
- H. Secretary Sri. B.B. Srivastava and other officials assisted the Commission.

Agenda 1: Action Taken Report on the MOM 07.07.09

The Commission noted the ATR on the MOM dated 07. 07. 09.

Agenda 2: Action Plan for the proposed convention, 2009

Commission was apprised of the confirmations received from the speakers regarding the convention. Commission indicated some more names who may be contacted for seeking their convenience to attend the convention. It agreed to the proposal of the secretariat to invite lead speakers from vernacular journalism. While finalizing the foreign delegates the Commission decided to invite representatives from the SAARC countries including Bhutan, and also from Indonesia, Afghanistan and South Africa. Commission further agreed to constitute two committees to overview the preparation of the convention in regard to the academics and the participants. Regarding the distribution of literature and display of documents the Commission desired to continue with the earlier practice. Commission further desired to bring about a brochure of the articles/research papers/success stories and best practices on RTI, which will also be a part of the literature for distribution. It further desired to request the Economic & Political Weekly (EPW) to bring out a special issue on RTI.

Agenda 3: Progress on Non Plan Expenditure- for information

Commission noted the progress on NPE.

Agenda 4: Recommendation by the PWC in the final report constituted to assess the implementation by the Government

Commission discussed the recommendation part of the report and observed that there were inherent contradictions in the report regarding the findings. It however desired that recommendation for having a component on RTI in the Annual Reports of each of the Ministry/Department be sent to the Government by the Commission.