

MINUTES OF 19th MEETING OF FULL COMMISSION OF STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION PUNJAB HELD ON 28.05.2013 AT 12.30 P.M. UNDER THE CHIARMANSHIP OF SH. R.I.SINGH, CHIEF INFORMATION COMMISSIONER PUNJAB IN HIS OFFICE ROOM.

PRESENT:

Mrs. Jaspal Kaur, State Information Commissioner;
Sh.Parveen Kumar, State Information Commissioner;
Sh.Chander Parkash, State Information Commissioner;
Sh.B.C.Thakur, State Information Commissioner;
Sh. Ravinder Singh Nagi, State Information Commissioner;
Sh.Harinder Pal Singh Mann, State Information Commissioner;
Sh.Surinder Awasthi, State Information Commissioner;
Sh. Ravinder Singh Nagi, State Information Commissioner;
Sh.Narinder Singh, State Information Commissioner.
Dr.Arinder Singh IAS, Secretary to the Commission.

In attendance:

Sh. R.K.Arora, Manager Finance & Admn,
Sh. K.R. Gupta, Deputy Registrar.

The agenda items were discussed and the following decisions were taken:-

Item No.1. Review of pendency of cases as on 30.04.2013.

The Commission reviewed the pendency of Second Appeal and Complaint cases of as on 30.04.2013. It was noted that during April 531 cases were received and 676 cases have been disposed of bearing of pendency of 1841 cases as on 30.04.2013.

Item No.2. Destruction of judicial record.

The office has prepared a list of 2584 files of disposed of cases of the year 2005 to 2007 by different benches. In these cases no Civil Writ Petition is pending.

A notice was issued vide Endst. No.PSIC/Legal/Destruction of Record/2013/6622, Dated: 28.03.2013 and displayed on the Notice Board and Website of the Commission alongwith list of such files. The parties to the cases under reference were given an opportunity to claim any part of the record within a period of thirty day, otherwise it will be presumed that they do not want to claim any part of the said record. No objection from any of the party to the cases has been received.

After discussing the whole matter, it has been decided that above 2584 files may be destroyed with the help of a Paper Shredding Machine, as per Para 7 of the Punjab State Information Commission (Destruction of Judicial Records) Office Order 2011. For doing this work a Committee consisting of Manager Finance and Accounts and Deputy Registrar of the Commission is constituted, which will get it done under their Supervision.

Item No.3.

Increase in the salary of the officials of the Punjab State Information Commission.

The Full Commission considered the item as per agenda note placed before it. As per decision taken in the 17th Meeting of the Full Commission held on 01.01.2013, the Government was requested vide letter No.17/1/2011-SA-Admn-PSIC/162, dated 15.01.2013 for increase in salary of the officials of the Commission. In response to this, the A.D. had informed vide their letter No.2/9/2005-4 G.R.1/34842, dated 21.03.2013, that :-

“ਆਪ ਦੀ ਤਜਵੀਜ਼ ਨੂੰ ਵਿਚਾਰਨ ਉਪਰੰਤ ਹੇਠ ਲਿਖੇ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਸਲਾਹ ਦਿੱਤੀ ਗਈ ਹੈ :-

1. ਠੇਕੇ ਦ ਆਧਾਰ ਤੇ ਨਿਯੁਕਤ ਕਰਮਚਾਰੀਆਂ ਦੀਆਂ ਤਨਖਾਹਾਂ ਤੈਅ ਕਰਨ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਪੌਲਿਸੀ ਵਿੱਤ ਵਿਭਾਗ ਵਲੋਂ ਤਿਆਰ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾ ਰਹੀ ਹੈ।
2. ਆਪ ਨੂੰ ਸਲਾਹ ਦਿੱਤੀ ਜਾਂਦੀ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਨਵੀਂ ਪੌਲਿਸੀ ਆਉਣ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਦ ਜੇਕਰ ਜ਼ਰੂਰਤ ਹੋਵੇ ਤਾਂ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਨੂੰ ਤਜਵੀਜ਼ ਭੇਜੀ ਜਾਵੇ। ਇਸ ਤੋਂ ਇਲਾਵਾ ਜੇਕਰ 2 ਮਹੀਨੇ ਵਿਚ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਵਲੋਂ ਪੌਲਿਸੀ ਨਿਰਧਾਰਤ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੁੰਦੀ ਤਾਂ ਇਸ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਮੁੜ ਤਜਵੀਜ਼ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਨੂੰ ਭੇਜੀ ਜਾਵੇ।

ਇਹ ਪੱਤਰ ਵਿੱਤ ਵਿਭਾਗ ਦੇ ਅੰ.ਵਿ.ਪ. ਨੰ: 14/29/2010-3 ਵਿ.ਖ.1/30578/1, ਮਿਤੀ 12-03-2013 ਰਾਹੀਂ ਜਾਰੀ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ।”

It was also felt necessary that the Government may be addressed to provide regular staff in the Commission and till than it was decided that Ld. CIC may write D.O. letter to the Principal Secretary, Department of Governance Reforms Punjab for his taking up the matter with the Finance Department so as to decide the case in a time bound manner regarding increase of salaries of employees working in the Commission as per recommendations already made by the Commission.

Item No.4- Sanctioning of pension to the State Information Commissioners Punjab.

The Full Commission took note of the agenda item and decided that the matter may be referred to the Administrative Department for grant of suitable amount of pension to the State Information Commissioners Punjab. A copy of the Order regarding grant of suitable amount of pension to the State Information Commissioners, received from the Karnataka Information Commission may also be enclosed and the Govt. may be requested to take an early decision in the matter.

Special Item : Diversion of appointment of outsource employees on direct basis.

This item was taken up for consideration with the permission of the chair. The Full Commission decided that a committee comprising of the following be constituted to look into the representation of outsourced employees, received in the office of the Commission on 08.05.2013, and put up its report within a period of three weeks:-

1. Mrs. Jaspal Kaur, SIC;
2. Sh. B.C.Thakur, SIC;
3. Sh.S.P.Singh, SIC;
4. Sh. HPS Mann,SIC;
5. Dr. Arvinder Singh IAS, Secretary.

Meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.

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