

**MINUTES OF THE 17<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE FULL COMMISSION HELD ON 01.01.2013 at 12.30 P.M. UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF HON'BLE CHIEF INFORMATION COMMISSIONER,PUNJAB.**

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Following Information Commissioners were present:-

1. Mrs Jaspal Kaur
2. Sh. B.C.Thakur
3. Sh. Chander Parkash
4. Sh.Ravinder Singh Nagi
5. Sh.Narinderjit Singh
6. Sh. Surinder Awasthi
7. Sh.Satinder Pal Singh
8. Sh. Parveen Kumar ,
9. Dr.Arinder Singh,IAS,Secretary .

In attendance:-

1. Sh. K.R.Gupta, Deputy Registrar.
2. The position of Complaint and Appeal cases instituted and disposed of during the year 2012 was reviewed.

During the year,5667 new cases were instituted, which works out to an average of 472 cases per month 5413 cases were disposed of , leaving a balance of 1543 cases at the end of the year. Given the average monthly fresh institution of about 472 cases, the pending cases would not be older than four months.

However the figure of 1543 pending cases includes the cases adjourned by the Commission due to filing of writ petitions in the Hon'ble High Court. Some of these writ petitions are pending since long and cover

cases instituted in the Commission in the very second year of its inception i.e. 2006, as for example CC-409 of 2006 and CC-411 of 2006. To appreciate the age wise status of pendency of cases and reasons for pendency, therefore, the DR is directed to place before the Commission in its next meeting year –wise break up of these cases.

3. The Commission approved the proposed amendment in the format of “Notice of Hearing” to be issued to parties in Complaint and Appeal cases.

4. The Secretary informed that the government in the Administrative Department has rejected the proposal of the Commission for additional staff and change over to appointment of employees on a regular basis as against the existing practice of hiring employees on temporary contract basis from private contractors or retired government employees.

The Commission reiterates its concern expressed in its 12<sup>th</sup> meeting held in April,2012 that the existing staffing pattern and recruiting procedure through private contractors is highly unsatisfactory. The matter, therefore, needs to be taken up at the highest level in the government.

5. It was also reiterated that pending regular appoinemtn of staff, as per recommendations of the Full Commission in its meeting held on 18.04.2012, the lump sum salary of Rs.15,500 per month be fixed on the pattern of the Right to Service Commission. This will be equally applicable in the case of retired or the out-sourced officials such as Private Secretaries, Readers, Senior Assistant/Accountant, System Administrator, Programmer, Receptionist etc. except officials appointed on D.C.Rates. The proposal sent by the State Information Commission vide No.17/1/2011-Admn-PSIC/1316, dated 07.05.2012 in this behalf

be followed up with the Government at the earliest possible since the matter has been considerably delayed.

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