

Minutes of 5th Meeting of Board of Governors of NFICI

Time: 03:00 p.m., Date: 13-10-2011

Venue: Civil Services Officers' Institute (CSOI), Kasturba Gandhi Marg, New Delhi

Participants:

Board of Governors:

- Shri **Jannat Husain**, IAS (Retd.), CIC, Andhra Pradesh & Vice President, NFICI.
- Shri **A.K. Choudhary**, IAS (Retd.), CIC, Bihar & Member, NFICI;
- Shri **Tarun Kanti Misra**, IAS (Retd.), CIC, Orissa & Member, NFICI;
- Shri **Naresh Gulati**, IAS (Retd.), CIC, Haryana & Member, NFICI;
- Shri **N.S. Napalchyal**, IAS (Retd.), CIC, Uttarakhand & Member, NFICI;
- Shri **R.I. Singh**, IAS (Retd.), CIC, Punjab & Member, NFICI;
- Shri **Nari Tshering**, IAS (Retd.), CIC Sikkim & Member, NFICI;
- Shri **C.D. Kynjing**, IAS (Retd.), CIC, Meghalaya & Member, NFICI.

Other Members:

- Shri **Satyananda Mishra**, IAS (Retd.), Central CIC, Central Information Commission, New Delhi,
- Shri **K.S. Sripathi**, IAS (Retd.), CIC, Tamil Nadu,
- Shri **Bhim Sen**, IAS (Retd.), CIC, Himachal Pradesh
- Shri **Serjus Minj**, IAS (Retd.), CIC, Chhattisgarh

Special Invitees:

- Shri **Lal Dingliana**, IFS (Retd.), CIC, Mizoram
- Shri **Deepak Narian Dutt**, IPS (Retd.), CIC, Assam
- Shri **T. Srinivasan**, IAS (Retd.), CIC, Rajasthan
- Shri **Sujit Sarkar**, IAS (Retd.), CIC, West Bengal
- Shri **B.B. Srivastava**, Secretary, CIC, New Delhi
- Shri **Lalhuma** (*representing CIC, Nagaland*)

Also Present:

- Shri **S.E. Sekhar Babu**, IAS., Secretary, APIC.
 - Shri **Aakash Deep Chakravarti**, Joint Secretary (Law), CIC, New Delhi;
 - Shri **Mohd. Taquiddin**, Deputy Executive Director (F,P&G), CGG &
 - Shri **A.V. Prakash**, Executive Secretary, NFICI
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Shri Jannat Husain, Vice President welcomed all the Members and participants of the meeting and requested CIC, Central Information Commission Shri Satyananda Mishra to preside over the meeting. Shri Mishra presided over the meeting. He initiated the meeting with certain remarks about RTI Act, 2005.

2. Shri Jannat Husain, Vice President, NFICI took up the agenda and requested the members to approve the minutes of the Board of Governors meeting held on 20-04-2011 at New Delhi.

3. The Board of Governors approved the minutes of the last meeting.
4. It was informed to the Board of Governors that by now fifteen (15) institutions had enrolled themselves as members i.e. 14 State Information Commissions and Central Information Commission, New Delhi. It was also informed to the Board of Governors that the funds received from Tamil Nadu State and Central Information Commission were in the process of getting deposited to NFICI account.
5. The total amount already deposited in NFICI account (prior to 13-10-2011) is Rs.80.00 lakhs. Out of which an amount of Rs.78.00 lakhs (+ interest)^{*} is kept in FDs & an amount of Rs.2.00 lakhs (+ interest)^{*} is kept with Current Account in SBI, Saifabad Branch, Hyderabad.
6. It was also informed that the Sikkim Information Commission and Haryana Information Commission have paid the second annual membership fee of Rs.1.00 lakh each.
7. It was also requested by the President / Vice President to the Non Member Commissions to enroll themselves as members of NFICI at the earliest by paying Rs.5.00 lakhs towards admission fee and Rs.1.00 lakh towards annual membership fee.
8. The following is the statement of date of joining by payment of admission fee and annual membership fee by the Commissions (*who have already enrolled themselves as members of NFICI*):

SI.No.	Name of the Commission	Date of amount credited to NFICI account
Year 2010-11		
1	Sikkim	31-05-2010
2	Andhra Pradesh	09-06-2010
3	Haryana	14-06-2010
4	Bihar	30-08-2010
5	Uttarakhand	18-01-2011
6	Meghalaya	21-03-2011
Year 2011-12		
7	Orissa	09-04-2011
8	Punjab	21-04-2011
9	Goa	29-04-2011
10	Karnataka	21-05-2011
11	Himachal Pradesh	13-06-2011
12	Manipur	20-08-2011
13	Nagaland	05-09-2011
14	Tamilnadu	13-10-2011
15	Central Information Commission	21-10-2011

^{*} The amounts were kept in FDs earlier at the rate of interest of 8.25%. After SBI increased the rate of interest on FD's it was withdrawn & kept again at the rate of interest of 9% and later at 9.25%. This interest was earned when FDs were kept at 8.25% and later at 9%.

9. The Board discussed for a while and agreed for the re-appointment of the Programme Committee and Finance Committee with the following members (*as the earlier Committees could not submit their reports to the Federation, due to retirements etc.*)

A) Programme Committee:

Shri A.K. Choudhary, Chief Information Commissioner, Bihar **Chairperson**
Shri Satyananda Mishra, Central Chief Information Commissioner, New Delhi;
Shri K.S. Sripathi, Chief Information Commissioner, Tamil Nadu;
Shri N.S. Napalchyal, Chief Information Commissioner, Uttarakhand;
Shri Deepak Narain Dutt, Chief Information Commissioner, Assam; and
Shri R.I. Singh, Chief Information Commissioner, Punjab **Convener**

B) Finance Committee:

Shri Tarun Kanti Misra, Chief Information Commissioner, Orissa **Chairperson**
Shri Naresh Gulati, Chief Information Commissioner, Haryana;
Shri Serjius Minj, Chief Information Commissioner, Chhattisgarh;
Mrs Deepak Sandhu, Central Information Commissioner, New Delhi; and
Shri Jannat Husain, Chief Information Commissioner, Andhra Pradesh **Convener**

10. The Board approved the appointment of Sri Vidya Sagar Babu, Auditor, CGG as Auditor of NFICI for auditing annual accounts for the year 2010-2011.

11. The Board approved the appointment of Sri A.V. Prakash, Section Officer, APIC as Executive Secretary to NFICI in place of Sri Vardhaman Vaidya, Executive Secretary who has resigned and left Centre for Good Governance, Hyderabad.

12. With regard to starting of the programmes and activities of NFICI, it was decided that pending finalisation of the report of the Programme Committee and as requested by the Chief Minister of Bihar, NFICI will be a partner in a **2 Day International seminar on RTI** at Patna some time in February, 2012. It was tentatively agreed that subject to the time availability of the Chief Minister of Bihar, seminar dates could be 17th & 18th February, 2012 or 24th & 25th of February, 2012.

13. It was also agreed to pursue the Scheme of construction of State level Information Commissions **buildings** to be assisted by Government of India.

14. It was agreed that the next Board of Governors & Annual General Body meeting – 2012 of NFICI would be held on 21-04-2012 at New Delhi.

15. With regard to inclusion of J & K as member of NFICI, the members said that the decision was already taken. The necessary amendments to the Memorandum of Association and Bye Laws should be taken up in the next Annual General Body meeting.

16. With regard to the NFICI headquarters, the members mentioned that it was already decided to shift the headquarters to Delhi. However, it should materialise only when the Central Information Commission has got its own building.

17. Sri Akash Deep Chakravarthy, Joint Secretary (Law), Central Information Commission gave a ***Presentation on a project named LOCATOR with regard to Networking on Central Information Commission & State Information Commissions for the decisions pronounced under RTI Act by the Commissions, High Courts and Supreme Court and resolution of disputes regarding concurrent jurisdiction between Central Information Commission & State Information Commissions.*** The participants expressed happiness over the project and desired that the project be implemented at the earliest. The Joint Secretary (Law) was asked to take up the issue with the nodal ministry & planning commission.
18. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

Shri Jannat Husain
Chief Information Commissioner, APIC
& Vice President, NFICI