

National Federation of Information Commissions in India

Minutes of Special General Body Meeting held on 15.07.2017 at 1500hrs at SCOPE Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi.

Participants:

Board of Governors:

- Shri R.K. Mathur, IAS (Retd), CCIC, Central Information Commission,
- Shri S S Channy, IAS (Retd), SCIC, Punjab Information Commission,
- Dr. Joram Begi, SCIC, Arunachal Pradesh Information Commission,
- Shri Thounaojam Ibohi Singh, IFS(Retd), SCIC, Manipur Information Commission,
- Shri P.B.O. Warjiri, IAS (Retd), SCIC, Meghalaya Information Commission,
- Shri Suresh Chowdhary, IPS (Retd), SCIC, Rajasthan Information Commission,
- Shri Sunil Kumar Misra, IRS (Retd), SCIC, Odisha Information Commission,
- Shri L. Krishnamurthy, SCIC (I/C), Karnataka Information Commission.

Member

- Shri Himangshu Sekhar Das, IAS (Retd), SCIC, Assam Information Commission,
- Shri V S Gadhavi, SCIC, Gujarat Information Commission
- Shri S.H. Yash Pal Singhal, IPS(Retd), SCIC, Haryana Information Commission,
- Shri Narinder Chauhan, SCIC, Himachal Pradesh Information Commission,
- Shri Khurshid Ahmed Ganai, IAS(Retd), SCIC J & K Information Commission,
- Shri Lal Duhthlana Ralte, SCIC, Mizoram Information Commission,
- Thiru K. Ramanujam, IPS(Retd) SCIC, Tamil Nadu Information Commission,

Spl. Invitees:

- Prof. M Sridhar Acharyulu, IC, Central Information Commission,
- Ms. Sashiprava Bindhani, SIC, Odisha Information Commission

- Shri Dilip Thaker, SIC, Gujarat Information Commission
- Shri R R Varsani, SIC, Gujarat Information Commission
- Shri Sushil Srivastava, SIC, Himachal Pradesh Information Commission
- Smt. Anjali Anand Srivastava, Secretary, Central Information Commission,
- Shri Yogesh Kumar Singhal, Joint Secretary (Law), Central Information Commission
- Shri A C Patel, Joint Secretary (P & B), Central Information Commission

Also Present:

- Shri S.P. Beck, Hony Exec. Secy (NFICI) & JS (Admn), Central Information Commission,
- Shri Sushil Kumar, Exec. Secy (NFICI) & DS(Admn), Central Information Commission,
- A V Prakash, Consultant, NFICI.


1. The meeting commenced with the welcome address of Sh. R.K. Mathur, Chief Information Commissioner & President, NFICI. He welcomed Mr. S.S. Channy on assuming the charge as Vice President.
2. The members of the Federation were informed by Sh. S.P. Beck, Hony Exec. Secy, NFICI about the action taken on the decisions of the meeting of Special General Body held on 19.05.2017 at New Delhi. It was informed that the current account of the NFICI has been transferred from Hyderabad to New Delhi in SBI branch, Bhikaji Cama Place, New Delhi. The signatories for operating the account have also been notified. The office of the NFICI at New Delhi has been located in the office premises of Central Information Commission, Room No. 5, Club Building, Old JNU Campus, New Delhi-110067. All the files and records pertaining to the Federation have been brought to New Delhi.

3. It was informed that as per the advice of Registrar of Societies, New Delhi, a letter dated 03.07.2017 has been written requesting them to obtain all the original documents of NFICI from Hyderabad. The Registrar of Societies, New Delhi has in turn written to Registrar of Societies, Hyderabad to send the complete file of the Society to take further necessary action at their end.
4. It was informed by the Hony Exec. Secy that no utilisation certificate has been received for amounts released earlier except Andhra Pradesh, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Tamilnadu, Manipur, Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram and Assam. Vouchers for utilisation from Meghalaya, Nagaland, Rajasthan, Tamilnadu, Sikkim and Assam are yet to be received. The balance members Commissions were requested to send utilisation certificate along with the vouchers especially for the amount spent in the year 2016-17 to take into account for auditing for the year 2016-17 which is in progress.
5. As per the agenda item the President, NFICI requested Prof. Sridhar Acharyulu to initiate discussion/presentation on disclosure of third party information. Prof. Sridhar Acharyulu in his presentation referred to various sections of the RTI Act and also the DoPT's instructions and Courts' directions in this regard, especially where personal information can be disclosed in public interest. A copy of brief prepared by Prof. M.



Sridhar Acharyulu is attached. An active participation from all members was witnessed in the ensuing discussion.

6. All the Member Commissions welcomed the initiative of discussing issues related to RTI. It was decided that similar discussions can be held on the initiative of any State Information Commission on subjects of common interest.
7. Members of the Federation were also of the opinion that meetings may not be held only in Delhi but outside Delhi also. In this regard, President, NFICI mentioned that the meeting can be organised if any Member Commission formally invites NFICI to hold the meeting in that State.
8. The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to all participants.


R.K. Mathur
(President, NFICI)