

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE INFORMATION COMMISSION HELD ON JANUARY 30, 2018 AT 11.00 AM.

A meeting of the Information Commission was held on January 30, 2018, in the office of Chief Commissioner at 11.00 AM. The following attended:

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| 1. Mr. Azmat Hanif Orakzai,
Chief Information Commissioner | In Chair |
| 2. Miss Mah Talat
Commissioner-I | Member |
| 3. Mr. Iftekhar Hussain Khan
Commissioner-II | Member |
| 4. Mr. Muhammad Tahir
IT Officer | Member |
| 5. Noor Said
Administrative Officer | Member-cum-Secretary |

Mr. Iftikhar Hussain Khan, Commissioner-II, recited few verses from the Holy Quran. The Chairman welcomed the participants and invited the Administrative officer to brief the Commission about the agenda already circulated amongst all concerned. The following items were discussed and decisions taken on each as indicated below;

1. **ITEM NO. I- RECRUITMENT AGAINST THE VACANT POST OF COMPUTER OPERATOR.**

On the vacant post of Computer Operator (BPS-16), the Information Commission had selected Mr. Nawazish Ali s/o Bagh Ali, however, he did not join the duty. Therefore, the next two candidates on second and third positions securing equal aggregate marks were considered for selection. The Admin Officer telephonically sought guidance from the SO Regulations-I, Establishment Department. The SO opined that in case the next two candidates had the same merit, then the one older in age be given preference. However, there was nothing specific in this regard in the Appointment, Promotion & and Transfer Rules of the government. The KPK Public Service Commission also adopts the same yardstick.

Decision:

After discussions, the Commission agreed to adopt the seniority in age, for all recruitments in the Information Commission when the aggregate marks of the candidates are equal in the final merit list. Mr. Amjad Abdullah s/o Abdullah Khan was therefore, approved for selection against the post of Computer Operator (BPS-16) in the Information Commission.

2. **ITEM NO. II- APPLICATION OF MR. AFAN ULLAH (DMO) TO BE POSTED IN KOHAT DIVISION.**

A total of six (6) DMOs were hired to work in the divisional headquarters of the province excluding Malakand, to act as focal persons of the Information Commission. Out of these 6 DMOs, two were selected from Kohat Division i.e. Mr. Afan Ullah (District Hangu) and Mr. Muhammad Ismail (District Karak).

Mr. Afan Ullah, who belongs to District Hangu was initially posted in Bannu Division. However, he has submitted an application that his home district is adjacent to Kohat and he is a student of MS- Computer Science, in IMSciences, Peshawar, he requested to be posted in Kohat Division instead of Bannu Division, so that his study may not get affected.

Decision:

The Commission after detailed discussion agreed that since the place of domicile of the applicant being nearer to Kohat City has a right to be considered for Kohat Division instead of Bannu. Further that he being student of MS-Computer Science 2nd semester, and that his study would otherwise get affected.

Keeping in view the above, the Commission decided to post Mr. Muhammad Ismail at Bannu Division while Mr. Afan Ullah to Kohat Division.

3. **ITEM NO. III- REPLACEMENT OF PTCL INTERNET CONNECTION WITH WATEEN TELECOM FOR THE INFORMATION COMMISSION.**

The meeting was informed that the IT Section had submitted a proposal regarding replacement of PTCL Internet Connection with WATEEN Telecom Internet as the Staff of the Information Commission is increasing day by day and therefore, suggested 8 MB connection.

The IT officer explained to the Commission that the internet facility to be provided by WATEEN Telecom is faster than the existing facility provided by the PTCL and is also cost effective. The WATEEN Telecom will also provide a 15 days Internet connection on trial basis.

Decision:

After discussion the Information Commission agreed with the proposal and asked the IT Officer to install the WATEEN Telecom internet connection on trial basis and submit a performance report after a month to the Competent Authority for final approval, or otherwise.

4. **ITEM NO. IV- APPLICATION OF MR. MUHAMMAD TAHIR (IT OFFICER) FOR A LOAN OF RS. 70, 000/- (SEVENTY THOUSANDS)**

Mr. Muhammad Tahir, IT Officer of the Information Commission, has submitted an application, wherein he has stated that his father had slipped from stairs last year and now the doctors advised to replace his hip joint with plastic/artificial one. However, he is facing financial problems therefore, requested for a loan of **Rs. 70, 000/- (Seventy Thousands Only)**.

Decision:

Keeping in view the genuinity of the case the Information Commission sanctioned a loan of **Rs. 70, 000/-** to Mr. Muhammad Tahir (IT Officer) to be recovered from his salary on monthly basis @ Rs. 7000/- p.m.

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ITEM NO. V- APPLICATION OF OFFICERS & OFFICIALS OF THE INFORMATION COMMISSION FOR MEDICAL ALLOWANCE, RTI ALLOWANCE, CP FUND ETC.

The employees of the Information Commission submitted an application for the grant of RTI Allowance, CP Fund and Medical Allowance/Entitlement etc. as admissible to other public sector autonomous/semi-autonomous bodies of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province, because, they are not entitled to any other benefits (Pension, CP Fund, medical entitlement, GP Fund, Benevolent Fund, Death Compensation etc.) except salary since its establishment. In this regard they referred (attached) to different organizations whom employees are entitled to different financial benefits along with salary.

After thorough discussion and analyzing the different compensation plans of other organizations attached with the application, the Commission decided to adopt the benefits applicable to the employees of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Public Service Commission, for the employees of the Information Commission. The 20% special allowance on running basic pay will be admissible with immediate effect, however, other benefits (GP Fund, Benevolent Fund, R. Benefits & Death Compensation) would be considered after the approval of Service Rules/Regulation of the Information Commission by the Competent Authority.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to chair.



Mah Talat
(Commissioner-I)



Iftekhar Hussain Khan
(Commissioner-II)



Azmat Hanif Orakzai
(Chief Commissioner)