

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RIGHT TO INFORMATION COMMISSION TO DISCUSS THE ISSUE REGARDING APPOINTMENT OF INTERNS

1. A meeting of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Right to Information Commission was held on 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2016 in the Chief Commissioner office. The following participated:-

Mr. Azmat Hanif Orakzai, Chief Commissioner, RTIC. (In chair)  
Miss Mah Talat, Commissioner-I.  
Professor Kalimullah, Commissioner-II.  
Mr. Mushtaq Ahmad, Secretary.  
Mr. Syed Saadat Jehan, Communication Officer.  
Mr. Noor Said, Administrative Officer.  
Mr. Ishtiquar Rehman, Budget & Accounts Officer.

2. Opening the discussion, the Chairman welcomed the participants and asked the Communication Officer to highlight the training events and monitoring of public bodies in the light of RTI Law.

3. The Communication Officer explained that Under Section 25(3) (a, d & e) of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Right to Information Act, 2013, monitoring the obligations of public bodies under RTI Act, undertaking of training of PIOs and publicizing the message of RTI Act are also the functions of RTI Commission.

4. It was discussed in detail that how a system could be evolved to monitor and organize such activities. It was decided that steps should be taken in phases for the above functions. First of all the issue regarding organizing the system of maintenance and disposal of requests of citizens by the public bodies was discussed in detail. The Chief Commissioner informed the participants that when he was holding the office of the Chief Commissioner RTS Commission, District Liaison officers (Interns) were posted to facilitate the citizens and also to monitor the public bodies. They also work as liaison between the RTS Commission and the public bodies. They are still performing their duties efficiently. Therefore, the RTI Commission should also introduce the same system.

5. After detailed discussion it was suggested that in the first phase, in the divisional headquarters, wherein the RTI Law is applicable, "Divisional Monitoring Officers" will be appointed on the following terms and conditions:

- (i) They will be interns and will not be regular employees.
- (ii) They will be selected after the posts are advertised in newspapers.
- (iii) They should have the domicile of the district of the divisional headquarter, wherein they will be posted.
- (iv) They will be on initial contract of six months.
- (v) They will be at least graduates and will be paid lump sum package of Rs.15,000/- per month.

- (vi) At the time of appointment, their age will not be more than 35 years.
- (vii) They will have no right of regular appointment against any post in the RTIC after expiry of the contract.
- (viii) They will be paid from the head of account "Services rendered".
- (ix) Their offices will be adjusted with the officers of the RTS Commission in the respective districts.
- (x) They will collect data from the public bodies of the districts of concerned division regarding receipt and disposal of requests on regular basis and will submit report on monthly basis by 10<sup>th</sup> of each month.
- (xi) They will be in contact with the District and Tehsil Nazims as well as Nazims of Union Counsels for awareness activities.
- (xii) They will be provided the computer facilities (Desktop or Laptops).
- (xiii) They will be paid fixed charges of Rs.500/-PM for internet charges and Rs. 500/-PM for telephone expenses.
- (xiv) For tours to other districts, they will be paid TA/DA equivalent to a BS-16 official of the government.
- (xv) After six months, the RTI Commission will decide the extension of contract of the said interns or creation of regular posts. In case of creation of regular posts, appointments will be made as per prescribed procedure.

6. For the expenses, the B&A Officer explained that within the provided grant in aid of Rs. 30 million, it will not be possible to meet the expenses; however, the RTI Commission has surplus funds from the previous year's savings and these expenses along with other expenses will be adjusted from the said savings and will be reflected in the revised estimates 2016-17.

7. The Right to Information Commission being the competent authority, by exercising of its powers conferred under Section 24(2), 26(1) and 27(1), unanimously approved the above proposal.

8. Meeting ended with vote of thanks.

  
 (Miss Mah Talat)  
 Commissioner-I, RTIC

  
 (Professor Kalimullah)  
 Commissioner-II, RTIC

  
 (Azmat Hanif Orakzai)  
 Chief Commissioner, RTIC