

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE INFORMATION COMMISSION HELD ON MARCH 19, 2018 AT 12. 00 PM.

A meeting of the Information Commission was held on March 19, 2018, in the office of Chief Commissioner at 12:00 PM. 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. Iftexhar Hussain Khan
Commissioner-II | Member |
| 4. Mr. Syed Sadaat Jehan
Communication Officer | Member |
| 5. Mr. Ishtiaq-ur-Rehman
Budget and Accounts Officer | Member |
| 6. Noor Said
Administrative Officer | Member-cum-Secretary |

Mr. Ishtiaq-ur-rehman, the Budget and Accounts Officer, recited few verses from the Holy Quran. The Chairman welcomed the participants and invited the Administrative officer to present before the Commission items of the agenda already circulated amongst the members. The Administrative Officer accordingly presented the agenda items of the meeting respectively. The items were discussed and decisions taken on each item as indicated below:

ITEM NO. I: DISPLAYING KP INFORMATION COMMISSION STALL IN THE UPCOMING "THE NEWS EDUCATION EXPO 2018" AT DEANS TRADE CENTER PESHAWAR.

The Communication Officer put up a note to the Competent Authority wherein he desired to install the Information Commission display stall at "THE NEWS EDUCATION EXPO 2018" as part of the Information Commission awareness campaign. The aim is to reach out the educated segment of the society specially those who are at the verge of starting their professional career so as to appraise them about the KP Right to Information Act, 2013. An estimated cost of Rs. 225000/- (Including taxes) were expected to be incurred.

Decision:

The Commission agreed in principle to install the KP Information Commission stall in the upcoming "the news education expo 2018" at deans trade center Peshawar in the best public interest. However, an effort will be made to avail financial help for sponsoring the said event from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Governance Project (KPG).

ITEM NO. II: REVISED BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR THE ON GOING FINANCIAL YEAR 2017-2018 AND PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE COMING FINANCIAL YEAR 2018-2019.

The Budget and Accounts Officer of the Information Commission submitted budget proposal for the Year 2018-2019, as required under section 27 (2) of the RTI Act, 2013.

The Officer also submitted the revised budget along with the justifications and covering letter for review and approval of the Information Commission before onwards submission to the Finance and Information Department.

Decision:

The Information Commission thoroughly reviewed the budget 2018-2019, and approved the proposed budget with directions to:

- i. To add financial implications of seven (7) filed Assistants equivalent to BPS-16 so as to ensure continuity of the field work already under taken by the internees.
- ii. To provide for an amount equivalent to **Rs. One Million** for the purchase of new vehicles for the most essential duties of the KPIC.

ITEM NO. III: REVIEW AND FINALIZATION OF SERVICE RULES OF THE EMPLOYEES OF KPIC.

Upon the directives of the Chief Commissioner to review and finalize the long pending "Service Rules of the Employees of KPIC" were placed on the agenda of the Information Commission meeting.

Decision:

The Information Commission discussed in detail the "Service Rules of the Employees of KPIC". It was unanimously decided that a Consultancy services of a professional person relating to the Service Rules of the Law Department be hired to work out and finalize the service rules for the Employees of KPIC".

ITEM NO. IV: GRANT OF MPHIL ALLOWANCE @ 2500/- PER MONTH.

The employees of the Information Commission who hold MS and equivalent degrees have submitted an application wherein they requested for the grant of MPhil allowance in light of the Higher Education Commission notification and subsequent order of the Peshawar High Court.

Decision:

The application was thoroughly discussed by the Commission, whereas, it was decided to seek the opinion of the Law Department for its applicability and also that whether, in light of the High court decision (copy attached) MPhil allowance can be granted to those employees holding MS and equivalent degrees or otherwise.

The meeting was end with vote of thank to chair.



Mah Talat
(Commissioner-I)



Iftikhar Hussain Khan
(Commissioner-II)



Azmat Hanif Orakzai
(Chief Commissioner)