



GOVERNMENT OF KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA
INFORMATION COMMISSION

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE INFORMATION COMMISSION HELD ON DECEMBER 31, 2024

A meeting of the KP Information Commission was held under the Chairpersonship of Chief Information Commissioner in her office on December 31, 2024. The following attended;

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| 1. Farah Hamid Khan , | Chief Information Commissioner |
| 2. Mr. Arshad Ahmad | Commissioner-I (Judicial) |
| 3. Mr. Muhammad Irshad | Commissioner-II (Social) |
| 4. Mr. Anees Ur Rehman | Secretary, KPIC |
| 5. Noor Said | Administrative Officer, KPIC |

The meeting started with recitation of few verses from the Holy Quran. The Chairperson welcomed the newly appointed Commissioners and invited the Secretary, KPIC to present the agenda items one by one already circulated amongst all concerned. The Secretary briefed the participants that the Chief Information Commissioner has taken various administrative decisions, which needs the ex-post facto approval of the Commission including miscellaneous agenda items. The agenda items were discussed one by one and decisions taken as follows:-

Agenda Item No. I:- Enhancement of Information Commission Allowance from 20% To 40% of running basic pay.

The Information Commission in its meeting held on January 30, 2018, approved Special Allowance @ 20% of running basic pay to the employees of the Commission (F/A). The subject allowance was renamed as "Information Commission Allowance" in a meeting of the Information Commission held on March 21, 2022 (F/B).

Upon request of employees the worthy Chief Information Commissioner decided to enhance the Information Commission Allowance from 20% to 40% of the running Basic Pay w.e.f February 01, 2024 subject to ex-post facto approval from the Commission when completed (F/C).

Since, the Commission quorum is complete; therefore, the subject matter is placed for ex-post facto approval of the Information Commission.

DECISION:

After threadbare discussion, the Commission granted ex-post facto approval of the enhancement of "Information Commission Allowance" from 20% to 40% w.e.f February 01, 2024.

Agenda Item No. II:- Terms & Conditions of deputation of Secretary, KPIC

The Services of Mr. Anees Ur Rehman an officer of BPS-18 of the Auditor General of Pakistan, Commercial Audit and Evaluation were requisitioned from Auditor General of Pakistan vide letter No. PS/KPIC/2023/12825, Dated. January 09, 2023 under Rule 5 (iv) of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Information Commission (Terms & Condition of service) rules, 2020. (Annex-D).

In response, the Competent Authority approved the request of the Information Commission and allowed the services of the Officer at the Commission's disposal on deputation with standard terms and conditions vide letter No. 186/Estt-C/08-2023, dated: 15-02-2023. (Annex-E)

Mr. Anees Ur Rehman, Audit officer (BPS-18) joined the Commission on **March 07, 2023** against the vacant post of Secretary, KPIC (Annex-F).

Since the quorum of the Commission is complete, therefore, the placement of Mr. Anees ur Rehman as Secretary, KPIC is placed below for ex-post facto approval of the Commission. The



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Commission is also requested to endorse the standard terms and conditions already approved by the Chief Information Commissioner to forward it to Director General, Commercial Audit & Evaluation for signature.

DECISION:

The Commission after detailed discussion granted ex-post facto approval of the requisition of Mr. Anees ur Rehman, Audit Officer (BPS-18) of Director General of Pakistan, Commercial Audit and Evaluation on deputation. The Commission further approved the standard terms and conditions of deputation for onwards signature of the Director General, Commercial Audit and Evaluation (North), Islamabad.

Agenda Item No. III:- Framing of CP Fund and Gratuity Rules for employees of the KP Information Commission

Since establishment of the KP Information Commission (2014), no such rules regarding retirement benefits i.e. CP Fund, Gratuity or pension etc. have been framed nor adopted, resultantly creating unrest amongst the employees. The framing of CP Fund rules were taken up with the Govt. through Information and PRs Department and was discussed in a meeting held on 24.09.2021 (Annex-G), however, did not get finality yet.

The matter was placed before the Chief Information Commissioner for appropriate decision. The Competent Authority decided to place the subject matter before the Commission when complete for appropriate decision.

Keeping in view the above, the matter is placed before the Information Commission for appropriate decision please.

DECISION:

After detailed and threadbare discussion, the following have been decided;

1. The Govt. of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Contributory Provident Fund Rules 2022, notified vide Finance Department No. SOSR-II/FD/2-4/2021/Cabinet, dated, August 19, 2022 would be adopted w.e.f. July 1st, 2022 for existing employees.
2. It was further decided that the Commission will frame its own CP Fund and Gratuity regulations for employees of the Information Commission after amendments in the KP RTI Act, 2013 including powers of framing regulations.

Agenda Item No. IV:- Approval of Expenditure/Annual Audit for the FY 2022-23 & 2023-24

As per requirement of Section 25 (2)(h) of the KP RTI Act, 2013 the audit for the year 2022-23 and 2023-24 was conducted by the accredited accountant firm i.e. RSM Chartered Accountants.

Keeping in view the completion of the Commission quorum, the budget for the year 2022-23 and 2023-24 (FY) amounting to Rs. 52.430 million and Rs. 56.387 million respectively are submitted for ex. Post facto approval.

DECISION:

After discussion, the Commission granted ex-post facto approval of the audited accounts for the Year 2022-23 and 2023-24 against released budget of Rs. 52.43 and Rs. 56.387 million respectively.

Agenda Item No. 5:- Approval of Budget Estimates/expenditures or 2023-24 & 2024-25(FY)

As per requirement of Section 27 (2) of the KP RTI Act, 2013, the budget estimates were prepared and submitted for approval of the Commission, however, at the time, the Commission was



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incomplete and the proposed budget was forwarded to the finance department with the approval of Chief Information Commissioner.

Keeping in view the completion of the Commission quorum, the budget estimates for the financial years 2023-24 and 2024-25 amounting to Rs. 105.400 million and Rs. 77.252 million respectively are submitted for ex. Post facto approval.

DECISION:

After discussion, the Commission granted ex-post facto approval of the Budget estimate for the financial years 2023-24 and 2024-25 amounting to Rs. 105.400 and Rs. 77.252 million respectively.

Misc. Agenda Item I:- Amendments in the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Information Commission

(Terms & Conditions of Service) Rules, 2020

The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Information Commission (Terms and Conditions of Service) Rules, 2020 was approved and notified by the provincial Govt. vide Notification: SO.Estt:(INF)2-6/2020/Service Rules RTI, Dated; June 29, 2021. With the passage of time few anomalies have been identified which need redressal by amending the service rules. The proposed amendments were placed before the Information Commission and discussed one by one and decision taken as follows;

DECISION:

After detailed and threadbare discussion, the Commission granted approval of the proposed amendments in the Service Rules. (Annexure-A)

Misc Agenda Item II:- Revision of photocopy charges for pages exceeding 20 No.

The KP Information Commission notified photocopy charges for pages exceeding 20 Nos. vide Notification No. B&A(RTIC)-1-3/2014, dated: April 29, 2014. The rate of photocopy is **Rs. 2/- per page** and **Rs. 4/- per pages** if both sides of a pages is used.

Since, the market rate for photocopy charges has increased, therefore, it was considered appropriate to increase the rate of photocopy charges, keeping in view inflationary impact.

DECISION:

After detailed discussion, the Commission approved **Rs. 5/per page** single side and **Rs. 10/per page** if both sides of the page are used.


Misc Agenda Item III:- Revision of Management Position Scales (MP-I, MP-II, MP-III).

The Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Finance Department revised Management Position Scales (MP-I, MP-II, MP-III) vide No. FD(SOSR-I)6-1/2024/MP Scales, dated; July 23, 2024, w.e.f. 01.07.2024. The subject notification was received by this office at a belated stage and needs to be adopted by the Information Commission.

DECISION:

After discussion, the Commission adopted the revised MP Scales notified by the Finance Department vide No. FD(SOSR-I)6-1/2024/MP Scales, dated; July 23, 2024.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to and from the Chair.


Arshad Ahmad,
Information Commissioner-I (Judicial)


Muhammad Irshad,
Information Commissioner-II (Social)


Farah Hamid Khan
Chief Information Commissioner