

MINUTES OF NINETH MEETING OF THE FULL COMMISSION OF THE STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION PUNJAB HELD ON 29.09.2011 AT 12.45 P.M. UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF SHRI R.I.SINGH, CHIEF INFORMATION COMMISSIONER PUNJAB.

PRESENT:

1. Sh. P.P.S.Gill, State Information Commissioner;
2. Mrs. Ravi Singh, State Information Commissioner;
3. Mrs. Jaspal Kaur, State Information Commissioner;
4. Sh. B.C.Thakur, State Information Commissioner;
5. Sh. Chander Parkash, State Information Commissioner;
6. Sh. S.S.Sandhu IAS, Secretary. State Information Commission Pb.

Leave of absence was granted to Sh. Kulbir Singh, SIC.

1. The Commission was apprised about a complaint filed by a person under Section 12 of the Consumer Protection Act, 1986 in the District Consumer Forum, U.T.Chandigarh against the PIO of the Commission, on the grounds of alleged 'deficiency' in the service provided to him, while furnishing information sought by him under the RTI Act, 2005.

The Commission also took note of some press reports appearing in the news papers that the various District Consumer Forums are entertaining Complaints u/s 12 of the CPA, 1986 against PIO's appointed under the RTI Act, 2005 and that some Consumer Forums have even awarded 'compensation' against the PIO concerned.

The Commission, while taking note of the reply filed on behalf of the State Commission in the U.T.Consumer Forum, resolved that such order/s of the Consumer Forum should be challenged by the Commission in the higher constitutional courts, as the Consumer Forums have no jurisdiction over issues arising out of RTI Act 2005. It was, therefore, decided that the notice issued by the District Consumer Forum should be challenged in the Hon'ble High Court at an appropriate stage, in consultation with the LA. The Commission further approved that services of Senior Advocate/s may be engaged by the State Commission for this purpose.

2. The Commission was informed that the facility of accessing case law at the manupatra.com is now available in the Commission. The System Administrator of

the Commission will coordinate access to the Manupatra web-site, as and when Ld. SIC's ask for the same.

Meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.