

Government of India
Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions
(Department of Personnel and Training)
IR Division

Subject: - Appointment of Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission

This is regarding appointment of Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission. The incumbent Chief Information Commissioner is going to complete his tenure on 26.08.2020. Hon'ble Supreme Court's in its order in WP No.436 of 2018 dated 15.02.2019, directed to fill up vacancies, in future, without any delay; and that for this purpose, the process for filling up of a particular vacancy is initiated 1 to 2 months before the date on which the vacancy is likely to occur so that there is not much time lag between the occurrence of vacancy and filling up of the said vacancy.

Rule Position

2. As per section 12 (2) of the Act, the Central Information Commission shall consist of the Chief Information Commissioner and such number of Central Information Commissioners, not exceeding ten, as may be deemed necessary.

3. Section 12 (3) of the Act stipulates that - *The Chief Information Commissioner and the Information Commissioners shall be appointed by the President on the recommendation of a Committee consisting of the following:-*

- (i) *the Prime Minister who shall be the Chairman of the Committee,*
- (ii) *the Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, and*
- (iii) *a Union Cabinet Minister to be nominated by the Prime Minister.*

The Act further explains that for the purpose of removal of doubts, it is hereby declared that where the Leader of the Opposition in the House of the People has not been recognized as such, the Leader of the single largest group in opposition of the Government in the House of the People shall be deemed to be the Leader of Opposition.

4. As per Section 12(5) of the RTI Act, *The Chief Information Commissioner and Information Commissioners shall be persons of eminence in public life with wide knowledge and experience in law, science and technology, social service, management, journalism, mass media or administration and governance.*

5. Section 12(6) of the RTI Act, 2005 mandates that "*The Chief Information Commissioner or an Information Commissioner shall not be a Member of Parliament or Member of the Legislature of any State or Union territory, as the case may be, or hold any other office of profit or connected with any political party or carrying on any business or pursuing any profession.*"

6. At present, the Central Information Commission has a Chief Information Commissioner and six Information Commissioners. Incumbency Statement of Chief Information Commissioner and Information Commissioners is placed at **Flag 'A'**. The incumbent Chief Information Commissioner is going to complete his tenure on 26.08.2020.

From prepage

Process

7. As per past practice, the process of selection of Chief Information Commissioner involves following steps:-

- (i) Particulars of interested persons are invited through advertisements in newspapers (two English and two Hindi) and through DoPT's Website. A copy of last advertisement issued is at **Flag 'B'**.
- (ii) Particulars of applicants are tabulated by DoPT and sent to a Search Committee (constituted by PM) chaired by Cabinet Secretary.
- (iii) Shortlisted names are sent to a Committee constituted under Section 12(3) headed by the Hon'ble Prime Minister.
- (iv) Persons recommended by the Committee under Section 12(3) are appointed by the Hon'ble President.

8. Hon'ble Supreme Court in its Judgement dated 15.02.2019 in WP No.436 of 2018: Ms Anjali Bhardwaj & others Vs. Union of India and others pertaining to fill up the vacancies in CIC, has disposed of the WP, inter-alia holding that-

(i) The procedure is now adequately transparent, one cannot find fault in the process of appointment;

(ii) There have been undue delay in filing up these vacancies; and that vacancies shall be filled up, in future well in time.

(iii) The terms and conditions on which such appointments are to be made, be specifically stipulated in the advertisement and put on the website as well;

(iv) The Search Committee ought to make criteria for shortlisting the candidates so that it is ensured that shortlisting is done on the basis of objective and rational criteria;

(v) Information Commissioners are appointed from other streams/categories as well;

(vi) Vacancies be filled up in future without any delay by initiating the process for filling up the vacancies one or two months before.

9. In view of the above, Hon'ble Prime Minister's approval may be solicited on the following :-

- (i) To start process of appointment of Chief Information Commissioner in the CIC as per past practice by publication of advertisement, shortlisting by Search Committee and Selection by Committee under Section 12(3).
- (ii) Constitution of Search Committee for shortlisting of candidates. A copy of the composition of Search Committee for the last occasion is placed at **Flag 'C'**.

(iii) To nominate one Union Cabinet Minister as member of the Committee, headed by Hon'ble PM, to be constituted under Section 12(3) of RTI Act. [During the last round of Selection of CIC/IC, Shri Amit Shah, Minister of Home, was nominated as member of the Committee.]

(iv) Draft advertisement inviting applications for appointment of Chief Information Commissioner in the CIC is placed at :-

- a) To be published in newspapers.
- b) To be placed on DoPT's website.

Submitted please.

~~Manoj Kumar~~
8/6/2020
(Manoj Kumar)
ASO (IR-2)

~~SO (IR-2)~~

~~US (IR-2)~~

~~Birendra~~
08/6/2020

~~Sanyam Kumar~~
08/06/2020

Director (IR)

~~V. Srinivas~~
08/06/2020

~~AS C/R~~

~~Manoj Kumar~~
08/06/2020

~~Secy (P)~~

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08/06/2020

~~AS (C/P)~~
1/6/2020

PM

Government of India
Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions
(Department of Personnel and Training)
IR Division

Subject:- Appointment of Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission

This is regarding appointment of Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission.

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2. In this regard, vide the main file which is under submission, approval of the Prime Minister has been sought for the following:
 - (i) To start process of appointment of Chief Information Commissioner in the CIC as per past practice by publication of advertisement, shortlisting by Search Committee and Selection by Committee under Section 12(3) of the Act.
 - (ii) Constitution of Search Committee for shortlisting of candidates.
 - (iii) To nominate one Union Cabinet Minister as member of the Committee, headed by Hon'ble PM, to be constituted under Section 12(3) of RTI Act.
 - (iv) Draft advertisement inviting applications for appointment of Chief Information Commissioner in the CIC :-
 - a) To be placed on DoPT's website
 - b) To be published in newspapers
3. As per past practices, advertisements in newspapers (two English and two Hindi) and through DoPT's Website may be issued followed by constitution of Search Committee, shortlisting of candidates by Search Committee and further final recommendations made by Selection Committee to be constituted under section 12(3) of RTI Act, 2005.
4. As desired, in anticipation of the approval of the Prime Minister for initiating the process of appointment of Chief Information Commissioner in CIC, we may issue advertisement with the last date for receiving applications after 3 weeks from the date of issue of advertisement, as per past practice. 31st July, 2020 may be the last date for receipt of applications, as per DFA.
5. Submitted for consideration and approval please.

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07.07-2020

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07/7/2020

US (IR-II)

Pawan Kumar
7/7/20

Dir, IIR

It has been indicated that AS (RC) we may issue the advertisement seeking applications for the post of Chief Information Commissioner. For kind approval pl

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AS (RC)
08/07/2020

PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE

[Human Resources Cell]

South Block, New Delhi – 110 011

Sub: Appointment of Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission– reg.

Reference is invited to DoPT's note dated 9.06.2020 at pages 01-03/N of file No. 4/2/2020-IR, on the subject cited above.

2. Prime Minister has approved the following proposals of DoPT :-

- (i) To start process of appointment of Chief Information Commissioner in the CIC, as per past practice by publication of advertisement, shortlisting by Search Committee and Selection by Committee under Section 12(3) of the RTI Act, 2005.
- (ii) Constitution of Search Committee for shortlisting of candidates for the post of Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission with the following composition:-

1.	Cabinet Secretary	Chairman
2.	Secretary (Personnel)	Member
3.	Secretary (I&B)	Member
4.	Secretary (DPIIT)	Member
5.	Dr. Manoj Panda, RBI Chair Professor, Institute of Economic Growth, Delhi University	Member

- (ii) To nominate Shri Amit Shah, Union Home Minister, as member of the Committee, headed by Hon'ble PM, to be constituted under Section 12(3) of RTI Act.
- (iv) Draft advertisement inviting applications for appointment of Chief Information Commissioner in the CIC:
 - a) To be published in newspapers.
 - b) To be placed on DoPT's website

3. DoPT's file/folder No. 4/2/2020-IR, is returned herewith.

M. Mohanty

(Meera Mohanty)

Director

Tel. No. 2301 3132

M. 14/07/2020
Secretary, Department of Personnel & Training

PMO ID no. 5250817/PMO/2020-HR Cell

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Dated 10.07.2020

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F.No. 4/2/2020-IR II (Pt.)

Government of India
Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions
Department of Personnel and Training

This is regarding appointment to the post of the Chief Information Commissioner and Information Commissioners in the Central Information Commission.

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2. We have put the advertisements on DoPT's website 09.07.2020. The last date of receipt of application is 31.07.2020.

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3. We have requested Bureau of Outreach & Communication (BOC) to publish the advertisement [English and Hindi] in four newspapers viz. 'The Hindustan Times' and 'Times of India' (in English); 'Dainik Bhaskar' and 'Hindustan' (In Hindi) and all their editions in India on 10.07.2020. They have sent the media plan for the advertisement and an estimate of Rs. 17,73,384/- (i.e. 886692/- for each of the advertisement) for publication of these advertisements.

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4. They have requested for the approval of the media plan and informed that as per the directions of the M/o Information and Broadcasting, 100% advance payment by the client Ministry/Department as per the estimates provided by BOC, is required for any advertisement to be released. They have requested to provide the funds in advance to BOC for further process.

5. The file is submitted for the following:-

- (i) Approval of the media plan as forwarded by BOC.
- (ii) Approval of the sanction of the estimated amount of Rs. 17,73,384/- (Seventeen Lakh Seventy Three Thousand Three Hundred & Eighty Four Only) for the advertisements to be published. The expenditure will be debit to Major Head 2052-Secretariat General Services - 00.090 - Secretariat (Minor Head) - 05 - Ministry of Personnel, PG & Pensions, 05.01 - Department of Personnel and Training, 05.01.26-Advertising and Publicity - Demand No. 73 for the year 2020-21. It has been confirmed from B&A Section that the sufficient funds are available under this Head.

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10.07.2020

6. Before seeking the concurrence of IFD, kind approval of AS(RC) is solicited for payment to the tune of Rs. 17,73,384/- in favour of BOS/DAVP.

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10-07-2020

Draft sanction placed below.

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10/7/20

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10/7/20

Dir. (IR)

for approval pl
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10/7/2020

V Sinha
10/7/2020

AS(RC)

(Rashmi Chowdhary)
Additional Secretary

Dir. (FR)

Refer preceding notes.

2. Proposal as recommended ante is hereby concurred from finance point of view, subject to the availability of fund and approval of Competent Authority

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10/07/20

Dir (F/P)

~~Dir (IR)~~

DoPT

US (IR-2) / US (IR-1)

V Suresh
10/7/20

Ref. above:-

DS(A) being HOD may kindly approve the availability of funds for release of the amount as mentioned in para 6 on p. page.

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10/7/20

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funds are available under the

Head 'Advertisement & Publicity' for FY 2020-21.

may kindly approve release of funds.

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10/7/2020

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10/7/20

US (IR)

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Government of India
Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions
(Department of Personnel and Training)
IR Division

Sub: Appointment of Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission

Reference Notes 1-4/ante.

2. The issue on this file relates to appointment of Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission.

Rule Position

3. As per section 12 (2) of the RTI Act, the Central Information Commission shall consist of the Chief Information Commissioner and such number of Central Information Commissioners, **not exceeding ten**, as may be deemed necessary.

4. As per Section 12(5) of the RTI Act, 2005, the Chief Information Commissioner shall be person of eminence in public life with wide knowledge and experience in "law, science and technology, social service, management, journalism, mass media or administration and governance."

5. PMO vide ID No. 5250817/PMO/2020-HR Cell dated 10.07.2020 has conveyed the approval of the Prime Minister to start the process of appointment of Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission, as per past practice by publication of advertisement, shortlisting by Search Committee and Selection by Committee under Section 12(3) of the RTI Act, 2005.

(i) The constitution of Search Committee for short-listing of candidate for appointment as Chief Information Commissioners with the following composition :-

a.	Cabinet Secretary	Chairman
b.	Secretary (Personnel)	Member
c.	Secretary (I&B)	Member
d.	Secretary (DPIIT)	Member
e.	Dr. Manoj Panda, RBI Chair Professor, Institute of Economic Growth, Delhi University	Member

(ii) Nominating Shri Amit Shah, Union Home Minister as member of the Committee, headed by Hon'ble PM, to be constituted under Section 12(3) of RTI Act.

6. Accordingly, an advertisement inviting particulars of interested persons for the post of Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission was published on the website of this Department on 09.07.2020 and also in leading newspapers on 11.07.2020. The last date for receipt of applications was 31.07.2020.

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7. A total no. of 137 applications for the post of Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission have been received by the last date i.e. 31.07.2020 (5:00PM). Advance copy of applications received before due date have also been included. In addition to 137 applications received within time, 1 more application has been received after 6:34 PM on 31.07.2020.

8. Hon'ble Supreme Court in its Judgement dated 15.02.2019 in WP No.436 of 2018: Ms Anjali Bhardwaj & others Vs. Union of India and others pertaining to fill up the vacancies in CIC, has disposed of the WP, inter-alia holding that-

- i. The procedure is now adequately transparent, one cannot find fault in the process of appointment;
- ii. There have been undue delay in filling up these vacancies; and that vacancies shall be filled up, in future well in time.
- iii. The terms and conditions on which such appointments are to be made be specifically stipulated in the advertisement and put on the website as well;
- iv. The Search Committee ought to make criteria for short-listing the candidates public so that it is ensured that short-listing is done on the basis of objective and rational criteria
- v. Information Commissioners are appointed from other streams/categories as well;
- vi. Vacancies be filled up in future without any delay by initiating the process for filling up the vacancies one or two months before.

9. The incumbent Chief Information Commissioner is going to complete his tenure on 26.08.2020.

10. In view of the above, convenience of the Cabinet Secretary as Chairman of Search Committee may be solicited to convene a meeting for short-listing of the candidates for the post of Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission at the earliest.

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(Rashmi Chowdhary)
Additional Secretary

V Sinha
04/8/2020

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Government of India
Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions
(Department of Personnel and Training)
IR Division

Sub: Appointment of Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission

Reference Notes at pre-page.

The issue on this file relates to appointment of Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission. PMO vide ID No. 5250817/PMO/2020-HR Cell dated 10.07.2020 has conveyed the approval of the Prime Minister to start the process of appointment of Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission, as per past practice by publication of advertisement, shortlisting by Search Committee and Selection by Committee under Section 12(3) of the RTI Act, 2005.

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2. Accordingly, an advertisement inviting particulars of interested persons for the post of Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission was published on the website of this Department on 09.07.2020 and also in leading newspapers on 11.07.2020. The last date for receipt of applications was 31.07.2020.

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3. A total no. of 137 applications for the post of Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission have been received by the due date/time i.e. 31.07.2020 (5:00PM). Advance copy of applications received before due date have also been included. In addition to 137 applications received within time, 1 more application has been received at 6:34 PM on 31.07.2020.

4. A File, ^{seeking the} for convenience of the Cabinet Secretary as Chairman of Search Committee to convene a meeting for short-listing of the candidates for the post of Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission has already been submitted.

5. The meeting of the Search Committee is likely to be held in the coming week.. Accordingly, Draft Agenda Note for the meeting of the Search Committee for appointment of Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission is placed below for consideration and approval please.

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06-08-2020

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US(IR-II)

Pawan Kumar
06/08/20

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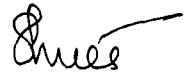
**Cabinet Secretariat
Rashtrapati Bhawan

Subject: Appointment of Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission-regarding

The undersigned is directed to inform that the meeting of the Search Committee for shortlisting candidates for the post of Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission is scheduled to be held at 5.00 PM on 19.08.2020, in the Committee Room, Cabinet Secretariat, Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi.

2. Department of Personnel and Training is requested to suitably inform the members of the Search Committee to attend the meeting, under intimation to this Secretariat. It is also requested that the members of the Search Committee **[except Secretary (Personnel)]** may be requested to attend the meeting through **Video-Conferencing**. Further, the contact details of the Search Committee members may kindly be furnished to this Secretariat to make necessary arrangements for the meeting through Video-Conferencing.

3. The DoPT's File No. 4/2/2020-IR-II is returned herewith.



(Smita Sarangi)
Deputy Secretary (ACC)
Tel. No.: 23016130
Email ID: smita.sarangi@nic.in

Department of Personnel and Training [Dr. C. Chandramouli, Secretary]

Cabinet Secretariat I.D. No. 08/03/2019-CS(A) dated the 7th August, 2020

Secy 07/08/2020
AS(RC)

Pl inform all concerned
Distt 10/8/2020

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Issue meeting notice accordingly.

V Smita
11/8/2020

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11/8/20
SO (IR-2)

Department of Personnel and Training
IR Division

Reference Notes at pre-page 5-7/N. ✓

PMO vide ID no. 5250817/PMO/2020-HR Cell dated 10.07.2020 has conveyed the approval of the Prime Minister to initiate the process of appointment of Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission as per practice of publication of advertisement in leading newspapers and constitution of Search Committee.

2. Accordingly, an advertisement inviting particulars of interested persons for the post of Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission was published on the website of this Department on 09.07.2020 and also in leading newspapers on 11.07.2020. The last date for receipt of applications was 31.07.2020. A total no. of 139 applications for the post of Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission have been received by the due date/time i.e. 31.07.2020 (5:00PM). Advance copy of applications received before due date have also been included. In addition to 139 applications received within time, 1 more application has been received at 6:34 PM on 31.07.2020.

3. Cabinet Secretariat vide I.D No. 08/03/2019-CS(A) dated 07.08.2020 have informed that the meeting of Search Committee is scheduled to be held at 5:00 PM on 19.08.2020 in the Committee Room, Cabinet Secretariat, Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi.

4. In this regard, Draft Meeting Notice and Draft Agenda folder for the above mentioned meeting are placed for consideration and approval.

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PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE

South Block,
New Delhi - 110 011

Subject: Meeting of the Selection Committee for appointment of Chief Information Commissioner and Information Commissioners in CIC- Regarding.

Reference is invited to DoPT's notes on the subject cited above.

2. The undersigned is directed to convey that Prime Minister has agreed to chair the meeting of the Selection Committee for appointment to the posts of Chief Information Commissioner and Information Commissioners in Central Information Commission (CIC), **on 24.08.2020 at 6:30 PM at 7 LKM, New Delhi.**

3. DoPT is further requested to inform all the Hon'ble Members of the Selection Committee accordingly.

M. Mohanty
(Meera Mohanty)
Director
Tel. No. 2301 3132

Secretary, Department of Personnel & Training

PMO ID No.: 600/52/C/03/2020-HR.

Dated 14.08.2020

M. Mohanty
Sent - Copy Sent.
AS (IR/RC) 17/08/2020

AS (RC) - For you, pl.

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F.No: 4/2/2020-IR-II(Pt-II)
C. No.3153822

Department of Personnel and Training
IR Division

Subject: Appointment of Chief Information Commissioner and Information Commissioners in Central Information Commission- reg.

This is regarding appointment of Chief Information Commissioner and Information Commissioners in Central Information Commission.

2. PMO vide their IDs No. 5250817/PMO/2020-HR Cell and No. 5250815/PMO/2020-HR Cell dated 10.07.2020 has conveyed the approval of the Prime Minister to initiate the process of appointment of Chief Information Commissioner and Information Commissioners respectively in the Central Information Commission as per practice of publication of advertisement in leading newspapers and constitution of Search Committee.

3. Further, Prime Minister's Office vide their ID No.600/52/C/03/2020-HR dated 14.08.2020 has conveyed that Prime Minister has agreed to chair the meeting of the Selection Committee for appointment to the posts of Chief Information Commissioner and Information Commissioners in the CIC on 24.08.2020 at 6:30 PM at 7 LKM, New Delhi.

4. In this regard, the following are submitted for kind consideration and approval please:

- (i) Two Draft Agenda Notes (Agenda-I for Chief Information Commissioner and Agenda-II for Information Commissioners) for Selection Committee for recommending the candidates for appointment to the post of Chief Information Commissioner and Information Commissioners in CIC is submitted for consideration please (**DFA-I & DFA-II**).
- (ii) Draft Meeting Notice for meeting of the Committee constituted under Section 12(3) of the RTI Act, 2005 for appointment to the post of Chief Information Commissioner and Information Commissioners in CIC scheduled on 24.08.2020 at 6:30 PM at 7 LKM, New Delhi (**DFA-III & DFA-IV**).

Submitted please.

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14.08.2020

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Secy(D)

AS(RC) - away in a meeting.

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19/8/20

V Sankar
19/8/2020

May also kindly see - Draft is to be sent to PMO for meeting 19/8/2020.

M. N. [Signature]
19/8/2020

V Sankar
19/8/2020
US(LR-2)

Dir(IR)

Department of Personnel and Training

IR Division

Reference Notes at pre-page.

This is regarding appointment of Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission. PMO vide ID no. 5250817/PMO/2020-HR Cell dated 10.07.2020 has conveyed the approval of the Prime Minister to initiate the process of appointment of Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission as per practice of publication of advertisement in leading newspapers and constitution of Search Committee.

2. Accordingly, an advertisement inviting particulars of interested persons for the post of Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission was published on the website of this Department on 09.07.2020 and also in leading newspapers on 11.07.2020. The last date for receipt of applications was 31.07.2020. A total no. of 139 applications for the post of Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission have been received by the due date/time i.e. 31.07.2020 (5:00PM). Advance copy of applications received before due date have also been included.

3. The meeting of the Search Committee was held at 5:00 PM on 19.08.2020 to shortlist the candidates for the post of Chief IC in CIC. Minutes of the meeting of the said meeting may be seen at Flag A.

4. The Selection Committee meeting was earlier scheduled to be held on 24.08.2020 and accordingly agenda note and meeting notice was submitted and got approved by the then Secretary(P). However the meeting could not be held at that time.

5. Now the meeting of the Selection Committee constituted as per Section 12(3) of the Right to Information Act, 2005 is likely to be held on 7.10.2020 at 6.30 PM at 7 Lok Kalyan Marg, New Delhi. Accordingly, the draft updated Agenda Folder and meeting notices for the said meeting has been attempted and is placed below for consideration and approval pls.

Updated Agenda Note is at F/B

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05/10/2020
US (HR-D)
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SO (IR-II)

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5/10/2020
Pawan Kumar
5/10/20

ASCRCT

PMO, vide ID no. 600/52/C/03 05/10/2020
2020-HR (flagged) has conveyed that PM has agreed to chair the meeting of the Selection Committee to the post of CIC and IC on 7th Oct @ 6.30PM. The Search Committee constituted by PMO (headed by the Cabinet Secretary) has shortlisted the names for CIC only; however, as directed, the meeting

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05/10/2020


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notice (and agenda) will be issued for both EC and IC to the ^{other} members of the select Committee (hon'ble HM & leader of the single largest opposition group, ie Sh. Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury). May kindly see before issue

Notices DPA I & II
Agendas - Day 'B'

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5/10/2020

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05/10/2020

USC (R-2)

CONFIDENTIAL

PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE


**South Block,
New Delhi - 110 011**

Subject: Meeting of the Selection Committee for appointment of Chief Information Commissioner and Information Commissioners in CIC- Regarding.

Reference is invited to PMO ID of even number dated 14.08.2020 on the subject cited above.

2. The undersigned is directed to convey that Prime Minister has agreed to chair the meeting of the Selection Committee for appointment to the posts of Chief Information Commissioner and Information Commissioners in Central Information Commission (CIC), on **7.10.2020 at 6.30 PM at 7 LKM, New Delhi.**

3. DoPT is further requested that other members of the Selection Committee may be informed accordingly.



**(Meera Mohanty)
Director**

Tel. No. 2301 3132

Secretary, Department of Personnel & Training

PMO ID No.: 600/52/C/03/2020-HR.

Dated 05.10.2020

F.No: 4/2/2020-IR-II (Pt.)

Department of Personnel and Training
IR Division

Sub: Appointment of Chief Information Commissioner and Information Commissioners in the Central Information Commission-reg.

It is understood that, the meeting of the Selection Committee for appointment to the posts of Chief Information Commissioner and Information Commissioners in the Central Information Commission is scheduled to be held on 24.10.2020 at 5:00 PM at 7 Lok Kalyan Marg, New Delhi.

2. In this regard, draft meeting notices are placed below for consideration and approval as per DFA I and DFA II pls.

3. As also desired, list of names shortlisted by the Search Committee, along-with their bio-data may be forwarded as per DFA III and DFA IV pls.

Manoj
17/10/2020

SO (IR II) Away

US (IR II)

Asst (IR)

Pawan Kumar
17/10/20

V Sinha
17/10/2020

~~ASCRE~~ may kindly see
before issue

~~to H/S (as Secy CP)~~

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17/10/2020

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19/10/20

~~ASIR ()~~

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PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE

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**South Block,
New Delhi - 110 011**

Subject: Meeting of the Selection Committee for appointment of Chief Information Commissioner and Information Commissioners in CIC- Regarding.

Reference is invited to PMO ID of even number dated 05.10.2020 on the subject cited above.

2. The undersigned is directed to convey that meeting of Selection Committee for the subject post, scheduled on 07.10.2020 was not held and now, Prime Minister has agreed to chair the meeting of the Selection Committee for appointment to the posts of Chief Information Commissioner and Information Commissioners in Central Information Commission (CIC), on **24.10.2020 at 5.00 PM at 7 LKM, New Delhi.**

3. DoPT is further requested that other members of the Selection Committee may be informed accordingly.

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(Rajender Kumar)
Director
Tel. No. 2301 3024

Secretary, Department of Personnel & Training

PMO ID No.: 600/52/C/03/2020-HR.

Dated 19.10.2020

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Government of India
Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions
(Department of Personnel & Training)

Subject: Appointment of Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission.

This proposal is regarding filling up of the vacant post of Chief Information Commissioner (CIC) in the Central Information Commission as the previous incumbent Shri Bimal Julka demitted office upon completion of his tenure on 26.08.2020.

2. In exercise of the powers conferred by Section-12(1) of Right to Information Act, 2005, the Central Government has constituted the Central Information Commission. As per Section-12(2) of the Act, the Commission shall consist of the Chief Information Commissioner and such number of Central Information Commissioners not exceeding ten, as may be deemed necessary.

3. As per Section-12(5) of the RTI Act, 2005, the Chief Information Commissioner and Information Commissioners shall be persons of eminence in public life, with wide knowledge and experience in "law, science and technology, social service, management, journalism, mass media or administration and governance".

4. According to Section-12(3) of the Act, the Chief Information Commissioner and the Information Commissioners shall be appointed by the President on the recommendation of the Committee consisting of:

- (i) The Prime Minister who shall be the Chairperson of the Committee ;
- (ii) the Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha ; and
- (iii) A Union Cabinet Minister to be nominated by the Prime Minister.

And where the Leader of opposition in the House of the People has not been recognised as such, the leader of the single largest group in opposition of the Government in the House of the People shall be deemed to be the Leader of Opposition.

5. As per Section 13(1) of the Right to Information Act, 2005, the Chief Information Commissioner shall hold office for such term as may be prescribed by the Central Government and shall not be eligible for re-appointment. Provided that no Chief Information Commissioner shall hold office after he has attained the age of 65 years. Further provided that where the Information Commissioner is appointed as the Chief Information

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Commissioner, his term of office shall not be more than 5 years in aggregate as the Information Commissioner and the Chief Information Commissioner.

6. As per Section 27 (1), "the appropriate Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, make rules to carry out the provisions of this Act. Accordingly, The Right to Information (Terms of Office, Salaries, Allowances and other Terms and Conditions of Service of Chief Information Commissioner, Information Commissioners in the Central Information Commission, State Chief Information Commissioner and State Information Commissioners in the State Information Commission) Rules, 2019 have been framed and published in the Gazette vide Notification dated 24th October, 2019.

7. As per these Rules, the Chief Information Commissioner shall hold office for a period of three years from the date on which he enters upon his office. The other terms and conditions of appointment have also been laid out in these Rules.

8. Anticipating that the post of CIC in the Central Information Commission was due to fall vacant w.e.f. 27.08.2020, due to completion of tenure of Shri Bimal Julka, a proposal to fill up the vacancy was initiated by Department of Personnel & Training. The approval of Hon'ble Prime Minister was obtained for initiating the process of selection for suitable persons for the post of CIC and for the constitution of Search Committee.

9. Accordingly, the Committee as per Section 12(3) of the RTI Act, 2005, was constituted with the Prime Minister as Chairperson; and Shri Amit Shah, Union Home Minister and Shri Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury, Leader of the single largest Party in Opposition of the Government in the Lok Sabha, as Members.

10. The Prime Minister had on 10.07.2020 approved the constitution of a Search Committee for the present round of selection process (page. 1/cor.) as given below:-

i.	Cabinet Secretary	Chairman
ii.	Secretary (Personnel)	Member
iii.	Secretary (I&B)	Member
iv.	Secretary (DPIIT)	Member
v.	Dr. Manoj Panda, RBI Chair Professor, Institute of Economic Growth, Delhi University)	Member

11. Vacancy circular dated 09.07.2020 was accordingly uploaded in both Hindi and English on the website of this Department. An advertisement was issued on 11.07.2020 through the Bureau of Outreach and Communication

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(BoOC) in the leading newspapers inviting applications for appointment to the post of CIC. The last date for receipt of applications was 31.07.2020.

12. In response, a total number of 139 applications had been received by the last date for the post of CIC in the Central Information Commission. List of these 139 applications may please be seen at pages 5-38/cor.

13. The Search Committee met under the Chairmanship of Cabinet Secretary on 19.08.2020 and shortlisted two candidates for the post of CIC in the Central Information Commission. Minutes of the Search Committee are placed hereunder (pages 39-41/cor).

14. The Meeting of the Committee constituted under Section 12(3) of the Right to Information Act, was held at 5:00 PM on 24.10.2020 under the chairmanship of the Prime Minister. Agenda note of the meeting is also placed hereunder (pages 71-73/cor). The Committee perused the Agenda note, including the details of the applicants along with their profile. In addition to the candidates shortlisted by the Search Committee headed by Cabinet Secretary, the Committee considered all eligible applicants who had applied in response to advertisement for the post of Chief Information Commissioner issued on 09.07.2020.

15. After due consideration, the majority of the Committee recommended Shri Yashvardhan Kumar Sinha, currently Information Commissioner in Central Information Commission, for appointment as Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission, with Sh. Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury recording that he has submitted his dissent note (pages 77-82/cor.). The minutes of the meeting dated 24.10.2020 are also placed at pp. 74-76/cor.

16. The profile of Shri Yashvardhan Kumar Sinha, who is presently recommended for appointment as Chief Information Commissioner, is also placed at page 76/cor.

17. Shri Yashvardhan Kumar Sinha who is a sitting Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission will be eligible to be appointed as Chief Information Commissioner for a period up to 03.10.2023, the date on which he completes 65 years of age.

18. Further, the salaries and other conditions of service of Shri Yashvardhan Kumar Sinha as Chief Information Commissioner will be as per The Right to Information (Terms of Office, Salaries, Allowances and other Terms and Conditions of Service of Chief Information Commissioner, Information Commissioners in the Central Information Commission, State Chief Information Commissioner and State Information Commissioners in the State Information Commission) Rules, 2019.

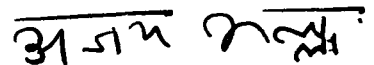
19. On receipt of approval of the Hon'ble President of India, a letter of offer stating the terms of office and other conditions of service will be made to Shri Yashvardhan Kumar Sinha. A draft of the offer of appointment is at Flag 'X'.

20. On acceptance of the offer of appointment by Shri Yashvardhan Kumar Sinha, the convenience of the Hon'ble President of India will be sought for administering an oath or affirmation according to the form set out for the purpose in the first schedule as per Section 13 (3) of the Right to Information Act, 2005. Once the oath of affirmation is administered, the appointment will be notified in the Gazette of India as per draft at Flag 'Y'.

21. In view of the foregoing, the Prime Minister may like to recommend to the Hon'ble President of India, the following:-

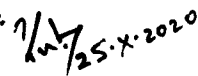
(i) to appoint Shri Yashvardhan Kumar Sinha as Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission as per Section 12(3) of the Right to Information Act from the date he enters office for a period upto 03.10.2023.

(ii) The terms and conditions of appointment of the Chief Information Commissioner will be as contained in The Right to Information (Terms of Office, Salaries, Allowances and other Terms and Conditions of Service of Chief Information Commissioner, Information Commissioners in the Central Information Commission, State Chief Information Commissioner and State Information Commissioners in the State Information Commission) Rules, 2019.

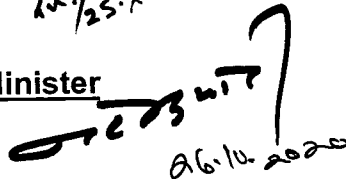


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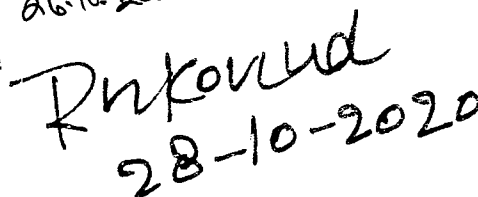
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President of India


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Minister of State (PP) [Dr. Jitendra Singh]
President's Secretariat, ID No. 53/CA-(I)/2018 dt. 28.10.2020.

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Department of Personnel & Training

IR Division

Sub: Appointment of Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission.

This is regarding appointment of Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission.

2. In its meeting held on 24.10.2020, the Committee constituted under the Chairmanship of the Prime Minister of India under Section 12(3) of the Right to Information Act 2005 recommended the name of Shri Yashvardhan Kumar Sinha to the President of India for appointment to the post of Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission.

3. The President has given his assent to the appointment of Shri Yashvardhan Kumar Sinha as Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission. Shri Yashvardhan Kumar Sinha has informed this department about his acceptance of the offer of appointment as Chief Information Commissioner. He has also informed that he will take oath in Hindi.

4. In view of the above, President Secretariat may be requested to inform the date and time at which Hon'ble President would be pleased to administer Oath to the new Chief Information Commissioner. In this regard, draft letter has been attempted and is placed for kind consideration. (list of invitees also enclosed).

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Government of India
Department of Personnel and Training
IR Division

Subject: Appointment of Chief Information Commissioner and Information Commissioners in Central Information Commission- reg.

In connection with appointment of Chief Information Commissioner and Information Commissioners in Central Information Commission, OL Wing is requested to arrange the Hindi translation of the ^{enclosed} four Notifications i.e. 1 for Chief Information Commissioner and 3 for Information Commissioners at the earliest.

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Subject: Appointment of Chief Information commissioner and Information Commissioners in Central Information Commission

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This Department has received a Letter No. 53-CA(I)/2018 dated 04.11.2020 from Shri Ajay Bhadoo, IAS, Joint Secretary to the President of India informing that The President will be pleased to administer Oath of office to Shri Yashvardhan Kumar Sinha, Chief Information commissioner-designate on 07.11.2020 at 10:00 a.m in the Ashok Hall of Rashtrapati Bhavan. We may inform Central Information Commission in this regard as per DFA I please.

2. The President has further desired that the newly appointed Information Commissioners namely Shri Heeralal Samariya, Ms. Saroj Punhani and Shri Uday Mahurkar may make and subscribe oath before the Chief Information Commissioner as provided under Section 13(3) of the RTI Act, 2005.

3. Accordingly, we may inform the Central Information Commission to take necessary action for conducting oath taking ceremony in respect of the newly appointed Information commissioners Shri Heeralal Samariya, Ms. Saroj Punhani and Shri Uday Mahurkar in Central Information Commission, as per DFA II please.

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Department of Personnel & Training
IR Division

Subject: Appointment of Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission.

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub section (1) of Section 12 of the Right to Information Act 2005, the Central Government has constituted the Central Information Commission. As per sub section (2) of Section 12 of the Act, the Commission shall consist of the Chief Information Commissioner and such number of Central Information Commissioners, not exceeding ten, as may be deemed necessary.

2. The President has approved the appointment of Shri Yashvardhan Kumar Sinha as Chief Information Commissioner in Central Information Commission and will administer the oath of office to the Chief Information Commissioner-designate on 7th November, 2020 at 10:00 hrs. This has to be **published in Part-II Section 3, sub-section (ii) of the Gazette of India, Extraordinary**. Accordingly, draft notifications both in Hindi and English are placed at Flag 'A' and Flag 'B' for approval and signatures please. We may also request the Manager, Government of India Press, Mayapuri to publish the Notification in Part-II Section 3, sub-section (ii) of the Gazette of India, Extraordinary on 7th November, 2020 after 1200 hrs as per DFA at flag 'C'.

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Department of Personnel & Training

IR Division

Sub: Appointment of Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission - Notification - reg.

Gazette Notification for the appointment of Sh. Yashvardhan Kumar Sinha as Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission with effect from the forenoon of 7th November, 2020 is placed below. We may forward the copy of Gazette Notification to Central Information Commission for information and further necessary action. DFA pls.

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Department of Personnel & Training
IR Division

Subject: Appointment of Chief Information Commissioners in the Central Information Commission- Uploading of file reg.

With the issuing of Notification for appointment of Shri Y.K. Sinha as chief Information Commissioner in CIC on 07.11.2020, the appointment process has now got completed.

2. In this regard, it is worth mentioning that a number of RTI applications are being received by IR Division seeking information on the matters relating to appointment of Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission i.e. notings, correspondence, Minutes of Meetings of Search Committee, MoM of Selection Committee, Copy of Dissent Notes etc. Uploading of the concerned file (No.4/2/2020-IR-II) related to appointment of Chief Information Commissioner in CIC will facilitate the information seekers to get the desired information which will also obviate the need to file RTI applications any further by the applicants.

3. The file has been prepared for uploading on the website of DoPT on the lines of the file of last appointment process [F.No 4/11/2019-IR]. The earlier uploaded file may be seen at <https://dopt.gov.in> > RTI > Important Files of RTI Division.

4. In view of the above, if approved, we may upload the concerned file No.4/2/2020-IR-II related to appointment of Chief Information Commissioner in CIC on DoPT's website.

Submitted for consideration and approval please.

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Department of Personnel & Training
IR Division

Subject: Appointment of Chief Information Commissioners in the Central Information Commission- Uploading of file reg.

Reference remarks of AS (RC) at pre page:

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Submitted for consideration and approval please.

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Department of Personnel & Training

IR Division

Sub: Resignation of Shri Yashvardhan Kumar Sinha from the post of Information Commissioner in Central Information Commission.

Central Information Commission has vide their letter No. 2/01/2019/CIC/Admn dated 20.11.2020 (received in this Department on 09.12.2020) forwarded a copy of the resignation letter of Shri Yashvardhan Kumar Sinha from the post of Information Commissioner in the CIC w.e.f. 06.11.2020 (AN).

Submitted for information please.

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What about Saroj Punhani?

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Ref. Observations made by ASCRG) at above.

This file relates to appointment of Chief Information Commissioner. However, Ms. Saroj Punhani has been appointed as Information Commissioner and the issue has been dealt in another file. Ms. Saroj Punhani

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has already submitted the following documents: —

- (i) Request for voluntary retirement
- (ii) Office order from S/o CAG relieving her ^{w.e.f 6.11.20 (A.N)} to join as Info. Commissioner
- (iii) CAG letter to M/o Finance for accepting the voluntary retirement request to accept w.e.f. 6.11.20 (A.N).

The issue has been dealt/ submitted in the concerned file i.e. appointment of Information Commissioner.

Submitted for information please.

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