

CIC established in 2005 under provisions of RTI Act, 2005.

It is high powered independent body.

CENTRAL INFORMATION COMMISSION

Composition

Consists of chief information commissioner & not more than 10 information commissioners.

They are appointed by President on the recommendation of a committee.

The committee consists of PM (chairman), Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha, a union cabinet minister nominated by PM.

They should be persons of eminence in public life with wide knowledge & experience in law, science & technology, social service, management, journalism, mass media or administration & governance.

They should not be member of parliament or member of legislature of any state or union territory.

They should not hold office of profit or connected with any political party or carrying on any business or pursuing any profession.

Chief Information Commissioner & Information Commissioner shall hold office for such form as prescribed by Central Govt. or until age of 65 years.

They are not eligible for reappointment.

President can remove them under following circumstances:

- a. Insolvent
- b. Convicted of an offence of moral turpitude
- c. Paid employment
- d. Unfit to continue due to infirmity of mind or body
- e. If he has acquired financial or other interest as is likely to affect his official functions.

President can remove them on the grounds of misbehavior or incapacity.

Such matter inquired by Supreme Court.

Their Salary, allowances & other service conditions are prescribed by Central Government.

Powers & Functions

1. It is duty of the commission to receive & inquire into a complaint from any person.

2. Order inquiry into any matter if there are reasonable grounds.

3. Commission has powers of Civil Court.

4. Examine any public record which is under public authority.

5. Commission has power to secure compliance of its decisions from any public authority.

6. Commission submits an annual report to Central Government.

7. Commission recommend steps to promote conformity of RTI Act.

RTI Act, 2005 provides establishment of Central & State information Commission.

STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION

Powers & Functions

Composition

Consists of state chief information commissioner & not more than 10 information commissioners.

They are appointed by Governor on the recommendation of a committee.

The committee consists of Chief Minister (chairman), Leader of Opposition in legislative assembly, a state cabinet minister nominated by CM.

They should be persons of eminence in public life with wide knowledge & experience in law, science & technology, social service, management, journalism, mass media or administration & governance.

They should not be member of parliament or member of legislature of any state or union territory.

They should not hold office of profit or connected with any political party or carrying on any business or pursuing any profession.

State Chief Information Commissioner & Information Commissioner shall hold office as prescribe by Central Govt. or until age of 65 years.

They are not eligible for reappointment.

Governor can remove them under following circumstances:

- a. Insolvent
- b. Convicted of an offence of moral turpitude
- c. Paid employment
- d. Unfit to continue due to infirmity of mind or body
- e. If he has acquired financial or other interest as is likely to affect his official functions.

Governor also can remove them on the grounds of misbehavior or incapacity.

Such matter inquired by Supreme Court.

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5. Commission has power to secure compliance of its decisions from any public authority.

6. Commission submits an annual report to State Government.

7. Commission recommend steps to promote conformity of RTI Act.