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 Convening Staff Room
 7/3/19

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE CONSTITUTED VIDE NOTIFICATION NO. 5/21/2018-1AR DATED 25.6.2018 UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF CHIEF SECRETARY HARYANA HELD ON 5.3.2019 AT 11.00 AM AT CS'S COMMITTEE ROOM FOR SHORTLISTING NAMES OF APPLICANTS FOR APPOINTMENT AS INFORMATION COMMISSIONERS IN THE STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION.

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The Committee constituted vide notification no. 5/21/2018-1AR dated 25.6.2018 of the Govt. of Haryana met under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary at 11.00 AM on 5.3.2019 to shortlist names of applicants for appointment as Information Commissioners in the State Information Commission, Haryana.

The meeting was attended by the following: -

- i) Shri D.S. Dhesi, Chief Secretary, Haryana
- ii) Sh. T.V.S.N. Prasad, Additional Chief Secretary to Govt. Haryana, Finance Department
- iii) Sh. Sudhir Rajpal, IAS, Principal Secretary to Govt. Haryana, Development & Panchayats Department.

2. The Committee observed that, as per section 15(2) of the Right to Information Act, 2005, the State Information Commission shall consist of the State Chief Information Commissioner and such number of **Information Commissioners, not exceeding ten**, as may be deemed necessary. The Committee noted that in response to the advertisements published on 12.6.2018 and 21.8.2018 for vacant positions of Information Commissioners, a total number of 229 applications have been received by the due date.

3. The Committee also noted that the 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. The Committee also took note of order dated February 15, 2019 passed by Hon'ble Supreme Court in Writ Petition (Civil) No 436 of 2018 titled as Anjali Bhardwaj and others Vs. Union of India and others. The Committee observed that para 67 of the order outlines the guidelines regarding the process to be adopted while shortlisting the candidates. In particular, it has been directed by the Supreme Court

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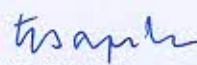
that "...while making recommendations for appointment of Information Commissioners, it must be mentioned against the name of each candidate recommended, the facts to indicate his eminence in public life, his knowledge in the particular field and his experience in the particular field..."

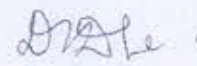
5. The Committee considered all applications which were received by the specified due date.

6. After taking into account all the relevant criteria, the Committee shortlisted the following names for consideration for appointment as Information Commissioners in the State Information Commission (A summary of the facts pertaining to the criteria adopted with respect to each recommended candidates is given in Annexure-A)

<u>Sr. No.</u>	<u>Name (S/Smt./Sh.)</u>
1.	P.K. Mahapatra
2.	Lt. Gen. K.J. Singh
3.	Kamaldeep Bhandari
4.	Anil Kumar
5.	Jai Singh Bishnoi
6.	Kuldip Jain
7.	R.K. Pachnanda
8.	Sudhir Chowdhary
9.	Dr. Anil Kumar Pundir


(Sudhir Rajpal)
 Principal Secretary to
 Govt. Haryana,
 Development &
 Panchayats Department


(T.V.S.N. Prasad)
 Additional Chief Secretary to
 Govt. Haryana, Finance
 Department


(D.S. Dhesi)
 Chief Secretary, Haryana

SUMMARY

Sr. No.	Name	Eminence	Knowledge	Experience
1.	P.K. Mahapatra IAS (HY:1985)	Retired as Additional Chief Secretary to Govt. of Haryana Renewable Energy Department. He served in various capacities in the State of Haryana and in the Central Government	He possesses B.Tech (Honors) in Electrical Engineering from IIT Kharagpur.	He has 33 years of experience in the fields of Administration and Governance. He has experience in Commerce, Animal Husbandry, Home, Revenue Administration, Renewable Energy and other sectors.
2.	Lt. Gen. K.J. Singh	Retired as GOC-in-C Western Command Chandimandir. Also held the Maharaja Ranjit Singh Chair on Defence and Strategic Studies, Panjab University.	M.Phil (Strategic Studies) M. Phil (Defence Studies)	39 years of distinguished service in the Indian Army both in staff and field positions. He also has experience in the academia and has contributions in the print media to his credit.
3.	Smt. Kamaldeep Bhandari	Held the position of Commissioner Right to Service Commission Punjab.	M.A. (English), B.Ed., LLB, LLM	Experience of about two years in the Right to Service Commission, Punjab. Also engaged in social work serving various under privileged sections of the society. Taught law and English and worked as an educational consultant.

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4.	Anil Kumar IAS (HY:1988)	Serving as Additional Chief Secretary to Govt. of Haryana, Higher Education and Technical Education Departments. He has early served in various capacities in Govt. of Haryana.	He possesses B.Tech (Mechanical) from IIT Delhi. He also possesses Master in Law (LLM) from Kurukshetra University.	He has over 31 years of experience in the fields of administration and governance. He has earlier worked in areas of revenue administration, Urban Local Bodies, Health & Medical Education etc.
5.	Jai Singh Bishnoi	He has remained as Chairman of Forum of Redressal of Consumer Grievances, Dakshin Haryana Bijli Vitran Nigam, Member of Haryana Staff Selection Commission and also as a Member of Haryana Backward Classes Commission.	He is a graduate in Law.	He has been practicing as an advocate in Punjab and Haryana High Court since 1994. He has also remained in active social life as founder and president of Samrasta Abhiyan, a registered NGO since 2006.
6.	Kuldip Jain	He has served as Legal Remembrancer and Administrative Secretary, Law and Legislative Departments, Govt. of Haryana Chandigarh. He worked as a Judicial Officer in various capacities in the State of Haryana. He has also served as Civil Judge-cum Judicial Magistrate at Shimla in Himachal Pradesh	B.Com, LLE	He has over 35 years of experience in the fields of law and judiciary.

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7.	R.K. Pachnanda, IPS (WB:1983)	He has served as Director General of Indo-Tibetan Border Police. He has also served in various capacities as a Police Officer in West Bengal and in Govt. of India, including as Commissioner Police, Kolkata and as Addl. Director General in CRPF and CISF.	B.A. Economics (Honors) from St. Stephen's College, Delhi University. LLB from Panjab University, Chandigarh	He has vast experience in the field of Policing. He has functioned in leadership roles of para military forces in the country. He has also served with distinction in CBI and Special Protection Group (SPG).
8.	Sudhir Chaudhary, IPS (HY:1988)	He retired as Director General of Police from the State of Haryana. He has also served in various capacities as Supdt. of Police and Inspector General of Police in various districts of Haryana.	MBA from IIM Ahmedabad. B.Sc. Mechanical Engineering from Delhi College of Engineering.	He has knowledge and experience in police administration and public affairs at various levels for over 30 years. He has directly handled the work of administration of RTI branches in various police units, Police Headquarters and Prisons Department.
9.	Dr. Anil Kumar Pundir	He is serving as Registrar Guru Jambheshwar University, Hisar. He has been member of Haryana State Technical Admission and Fee Committee as well as a member of Academic Councils of Kurukshetra University and Haryana School Education Board, Bhiwani.	M.Sc. (Physics), M.Phil (Physics) and Ph.D. (Physics).	He has wide experience of over 22 years in the field of Science and Technology and has won numerous awards and honours in this field. He has been engaged in social service for more than 14 years in various capacities, including his stints as an academic with Mukand Lal National College Yamunanagar and as a programme officer with NSS.

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