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***Details of Maharashtra State Information
Commission for publication under Section 4 of
Right to Information Act 2005.***

MAHARASHTRA STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION

Name of the office – Maharashtra State Information Commission

Address – 13th floor, New Administrative Building, Madam Cama Road,
Hutatma Rajguru chowk, Opp. Mantralaya, Mumbai – 400 032.

The Information Commissioners of the State

- 1) State Chief Information Commissioner (SCIC) – Shri Samir Sahai (Addl.charge)
- 2) State Information Commissioner, Greater Mumbai – Shri Samir Sahai (Addl.charge)
- 3) State Information Commissioner, Konkan – Shri. Bhupendra Gurav (Addl.charge)
- 4) State Information Commissioner, Pune – Shri. Samir Sahai
- 5) State Information Commissioner, Nashik – Shri. Bhupendra Gurav
- 6) State Information Commissioner, Aurangabad – Shri. Samir Sahai (Addl.charge)
- 7) State Information Commissioner, Amravati – Shri. Rahul Pande (Addl.charge)
- 8) State Information Commissioner, Nagpur – Shri Rahul Pande

Functions: - The State Information Commission has been constituted under sub-section (1) of section 15 of the Right to Information (RTI) Act, 2005 vide a gazette notification dated Oct.11 2005. The State Information Commission's mandate is to exercise the powers conferred on, and to perform the functions assigned to, under the Act.

The State Information Commission consist of –

- (a) The State Chief Information Commissioner ; and
- (b) The State Information Commissioners.

The general superintendence, direction and management of the affairs of the State Information Commission vests in the State Chief Information Commissioner who is assisted by the State Information Commissioners and exercises all powers or does all such acts and things autonomously without being subjected to directions by any other authority under the Right to Information Act.

The Act enjoins upon the State Government to provide the State Chief Information Commissioner and the State Information Commissioners with such officers and employees as may be necessary for the efficient performance of their functions under this Act, and the salaries and allowance payable to and the terms and conditions of service of the officers and other employees appointed for the purpose of this Act shall be such as may be prescribed. 20 posts have been sanctioned by the Government for State Chief Information Commission office and 18 posts for Benches.

Objectives – Fulfilling the mandate assigned in the Right to Information Act, 2005.

Details of services provided / duties – As per the RTI Act, 2005 the Commission has been assigned the task of receiving complaints and appeals, for providing suitable relief to the appellants as per the provisions of the Right to Information Act 2005.

Physical Assets – Office building provided by the State Government.

Section 4 (1) (b) (ii)

Powers and duties of Officers and Employees

Sr. No	Designation	Powers and duties
1.	Chief State Information Commissioner	Overall management of the State Information Commission matters including general superintendence, direction and leadership. Issue of ruling where hearing has been held on appeals or complaints. Recommendations to State Government in the Annual Reports in co-ordination with other State Information Commissioners.
2.	Secretary, State Information Commission	To assist the Chief State Information Commissioner in various works and as directed by the Chief State Information Commissioner. To act as controlling Officer for Officers and staff in the State Information Commission office, Mumbai. To co-ordinate with various Government departments for matters related to the State Information Commission and the Right to Information Act, 2005.
3.	Section Officers	Scrutiny and putting up cases follow up on decisions and instructions with respect to Right to Information Act. Scrutiny of other allotted subject with reference to office administration, financial matters etc. which may allotted from time to time.
4.	Assistants	Receive and keep record of Right to Information Act cases / other documents and correspondence as per allotment of work. Present the documents/correspondence neatly and subject to their officers (s). Follow up on file instructions from superiors.
5.	Steno	Preparing hearing orders of second appeals and presenting to the state chief information commissioner.
6.	Clerks	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Inward clerk to receive correspondence and give reply in cases of 2nd appeals and complaints to the applicants. To guide the visitors and redirect them to meet concerned officer/employee for further information where necessary.2. Dispatch clerk – to dispatch correspondence from the State Information Commission after due recording. To keep completed cases serially and safely.3. Other clerks to work as allotment of duty, to type and prepare monthly extract or inward /outward correspondence /files and other works allotted to them from time to time.

Section 4 (1) (b) (iii)

Procedure followed in the Appeals and complaints under Right to Information Act, 2005.

The Commission receives Second Appeals against the orders of Appellate Officers under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act. These appeals are placed before the State Chief Information Commissioner who disposes the appeal after hearing. The applicant, State Public Information Officer and First Appellate Officer are called for the hearing of 2nd appeal and their say is considered by the State Chief Information Commissioner / State Information Commissioner while adjudicating on the case.

The Commission also receives complaints under Section 18 of the Right to Information Act. The complaint is put up to the Chief Information Commissioner who may seek report from the Public Information Officer/Appellate Authority, fix hearing or take any other suitable decision on the matter.

Section 4 (1) (b) (IV)

Norms set for discharge of functions in State Information Commission.

All the duties and functions in the commission are discharged according to the rules under Right to Information Act 2005.

Under Section 4 (1) (b) (v) :- List the rules/regulation/instructions/manuals/ records held in State Information Commission office for discharging its functions :-

1. The Right to Information Act (RTI) 2005
2. Maharashtra Right to Information Rules, 2005.
3. First Annual Report (12.10.2005 to 31.12.2006)
4. Second Annual Report (01.01.2007 to 31.12.2007)
5. Third Annual Report (01.01.2008 to 31.12.2008)
6. Fourth Annual Report (01.01.2009 to 31.12.2009)
7. Fifth Annual Report (01.01.2010 to 31.12.2010)
8. Sixth Annual Report (01.01.2011 to 31.12.2011)
9. Seventh Annual Report (01.01.2012 to 31.12.2012)
10. Eighth Annual Report (01.01.2013 to 31.12.2013)
11. Ninth Annual Report (01.01.2014 to 31.12.2014)
12. Ten Annual Report (01.01.2015 to 31.12.2015)
13. Eleven Annual Report (01.01.2016 to 31.12.2016)
14. Twelve Annual Report (01.01.2017 to 31.12.2017)
15. Thirteen Annual Report (01.01.2018 to 31.12.2018)
16. Fourteen Annual Report (01.01.2019 to 31.12.2019)
17. Fifteen Annual Report (01.01.2020 to 31.12.2020)

Sr. No.	Subject	Type of document file/muster/register/voucher etc.	Particulars of Heading/type in the document
1.	Appeals	Files	Section 19 of RTI Act.
2.	Complaints	Files	Section 18 of RTI Act.
3.	General / Miscellaneous	Files / Folders	General Matters related to RTI or Miscellaneous non RTI matters.

4.	Administration	Files	Files related to administration in the commission.
5.	Annual Report	Files	Material furnished by Ministries for Annual Report to be prepared as per Sec.25.

Under Section 4 (1) (b) (vi)

According to circular of Chief Information Commission dated 16.06.2022 Orders of Second Appeals and their application of Right to Information are scanned and preserved permanently. Penalty cases are preserved as “C” class (5 years).

Miscellaneous cases are preserved for 1 year. The copy of Circular dated 16.06.2022 is displayed on website i.e. www.sic.maharashtra.gov.in (Others Links → Important Letters.)

Under Section 4 (1) (b) (vii)

The Commission receives suggestions from time to time from various organizations/individuals. These are examined and further action taken where possible.

Under Section 4 (1) (b) (viii)

The minutes of meetings of Chief Information Commissioner with all other State Information Commissioners are displayed on website i.e. www.sic.maharashtra.gov.in (Others Links → Important Letters.)

Section 4 (1) (b) (ix)

Under Section 4 (1) (b) (ix) a directory of the officers & employees & their monthly remuneration in State Information Commissioner: -

Sr. No.	Name and Designation	Telephone Number	E_mail address
1.	Shri Samir Sahai Chief Information Commissioner	22856078	cic.mumbai@maharashtra.gov.in
2.	Smt. Savita Jawale Secretary	22049184	msic.sec@maharashtra.gov.in
3.	Smt. Shilpa Deshmukh Under Secretary	22049390	msic.do1@maharashtra.gov.in msic.do2@maharashtra.gov.in
4.	Shri. Abhay Bhandari Section Officer	22049390	msic.do1@maharashtra.gov.in msic.do2@maharashtra.gov.in

Section 4 (1) (b) (x)

Under Section 4 (1) (b) (x) Details of remuneration of officers & employees.

According to the Right to Information Act 2005, the salaries and allowances payable to and other terms and conditions of service of –

(a) The State Chief Information Commissioner shall be the same as that of the Election Commissioner, Govt. of India.

Provided that if the Chief Information Commissioner or an Information Commissioner, at the time of his appointment is, in receipt of a pension, other than a disability or wound pension, in respect of any previous service under the Government of India or under the Government of a State, his salary in respect of the service as the Chief Information Commissioner or an Information

Commissioner shall be reduced by the amount of that pension including any portion of pension which was commuted and pension equivalent of other forms of retirement benefits excluding pension equivalent of retirement gratuity.

Provided further that if the Chief Information Commissioner or an Information Commissioner if, at the time of his appointment is, in receipt of retirement benefits in respect of any previous service rendered in a Corporation established by or under any Central Act or State Act or a Government company owned or controlled by the Central Government or the State Government, his salary in respect of the service as the Chief Information Commissioner or an Information Commissioner shall be reduced by the amount of pension equivalent to the retirement benefits :

Provided also that the salaries, allowances and other conditions of service of the Chief Information Commissioner and the State Information Commissioner shall not be varied to their disadvantage after their appointment.

The scale of pay of officers and employees of State Information Commission are as under:-

Sl. No.	Designation of the post	Pay Scale of the post (7th Pay Commission)
1.	Chief Information Commissioner	2,50,000 (Fixed)
2.	Secretary (S-27)	37400-67000 GP 8700
3.	Under Secretary (S-23)	15600-39100 GP 6600
4.	Desk Officer (S-17)	9300-34800 GP 4800
5.	Assistant (Legal) (S-15)	9300-34800 GP 4400
6.	Steno (Higher Grade) (S-15)	9300-34800 GP 4400
7.	Steno (Lower Grade) (S-14)	9300-34800 GP 4300
8.	Assistant (S-14)	9300-34800 GP 4300
9.	Clerk-cum-Typist (S-6)	5200-20200 GP 1900
10.	Driver (S-6)	5200-20200 GP 1900
11.	Peon (S-1)	4440-7440 GP 1300

(Note – G.R. dated 21.06.2023 post of Stenos, Clerks, Driver and Peons are to be filled by outsourcing after the current posts became vacant. Correspondence to the State Government is being done regarding this G. R.)

Salary details of Officers and Employees from State Information Commission,
Mumbai.

Sr. No.	Name	Designation	Gross Salary
1.	Shri Samir Sahai	Chief Information Commissioner	2,50,000/-
2.	Smt. Savita Jawale	Secretary	1,17,724/-
3.	Smt. Shilpa Deshmukh	Under Secretary	1,32,964/-
4.	Vacant	Under Secretary (Legal)	--
5.	Shri. Abhay Bhandari	Section Officer	1,14,540/-
6.	Smt. Jyostna Shinde	Personal Assistant	1,59,009/-
7.	Smt. Sayali Sawant	Assistant Section Officer	96,219/-
8.	Shri. Prasanna Padhye	Obligatory functioning (विवक्षित कामकाजासाठी) (Contract)	45,000/-
9.	Vacant	Assistant (Legal)	--
10.	Vacant	Assistant Section Officer	--
11.	Smt. Madhura Keny	Clerk (Loan Basis)	87,153/-
12.	Smt. Pragati Sonawne	Steno (L.G.) (Contract Basis)	33,495/-
13.	Smt. Ashwini Mayekar	Steno (L.G.) (Contract Basis)	33,495/-
14.	Shri. Prathamesh Gurav	Clerk-cum-Typist (Contract Basis)	19,635/-
15.	Vacant	Clerk-cum-Typist	--
16.	Vacant	Clerk-cum-Typist	--
17.	Vacant	Driver	--
18.	Shri Umesh Jadhav	Peon (Contract Basis)	15,015/-
19.	Shri Pralhad Joshi	Peon (Contract Basis)	15,015/-
20.	Shri. Naresh Mulik	Peon (Contract Basis)	15,015/-

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Details of allocation of budget during current year is as follows:-

Sr.No.	Budget head description	Budget 2023-24 (in thousand)
1	01 - Salaries	1,15,534/-
2	03- Overtime Allowances	37/-
3	06 - Telephone, Electricity & Water Charges	2,020/-
4	10- Contract Basis Employee Salary	19,000/-
5	11- Domestic Travels Exp.	2,801/-
6	12- Foreign Travels Exp.	210/-
7	13 - Office Expenses	13,762/-
8	14- Rent Rate & Taxes	1,006/-
9	17 - Computer	2,896/-
10	20 - Other Administrative Services	19/-
11	28 - Professional Services	1,000/-
12	51- Motor Vehicle	1,274/-
	Total	15,94,89/-

Section 4 (1) (b) (xii)

Under Section 4 (1) (b) (xii) Details of beneficiaries of subsidy program from the Commission : Not Applicable.

Section 4 (1) (b) (xiii)

Under Section 4 (1) (b) (xiii) Details of particulars of recipients of concession permits or authorization granted : NIL.

Section 4 (1) (b) (xiv)

Under Section 4 (1) (b) (xiv) Details of information available in electronic form in CIC.

Sr. No.	Type of Documents	Sub Topics	In which electronic format it is kept	Mode of retrieval
1.	RTI Act, 2005.	-	On website in PDF format	Other links – Right to Information Act 2005.
2.	Second Appeal Orders	-	On website in PDF format	Under heading Decisions
3.	Complaint Orders	-	On website in PDF format	Under heading Complaints

Section 4 (1) (b) (xv)

The State Information Commission has not set up a library or a reading room. All Citizen may come to the office of CIC to inspect any available files on every Monday between 3 to 5 pm

Section 4 (1) (b) (xvi)

Under Section 4 (1) (b) (xvi) Public Information Officers / Appellate Authority.

Public Information Officer :

- 1) Smt. Shilpa R. Deshmukh, Under Secretary, (Regarding Appeals, Information regarding Complaints & Miscellaneous)
- 2) Shri. Abhay Bhandari, Section Officer, (Regarding Administration & Establishment Matters, Account Matters & Miscellaneous)

Appellate Authority:

Smt. Savita Jawale, Secretary.

Section 4 (1) (b) (xvii)

Under Section 4 (1) (b) (xvi) nothing is prescribed as on date.

Status of Compliance of Supreme Court Directions in 990 of 2021

1. The minutes of Meeting dated 28.08.2023 under the chairman ship of Hon'ble Chief Information Commission is displayed on website i.e. www.sic.maharashtra.gov.in (Others Links → Important Letters.)
 2. Letter written to Chief Secretary, Maharashtra for providing list of Public Authorities for monitoring of section 4 and report called from State Government in this regard. (Copy of letter dated 17.10.2023 is displayed on website i.e. www.sic.maharashtra.gov.in (Others Links → Important Letters.)
 3. Recommendation letter for implementation of section 4 written to Chief Secretary, Maharashtra by Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner dated 22.12.2023 is displayed on website i.e. www.sic.maharashtra.gov.in (Others Links → Important Letters.)
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