

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

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Name of the Office - State Information Commission Amravati.

Address - Near Circiut House, Old Bypass Road, Camp Amravati.

State Information Commissioner, Amravati : Shri Rahul B. Pande (Additional Charge)

Functions : The Sate Information Commission has been constituted under sub section (1) of section 15 or the Right to Information (RTI) Act, 2005 vide Government Resolution No. RAMAA/2006/C.R./27/06/05, dated 11.01.2017. The State Information Commissions 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 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 direction 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 end 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. 18 posts have been sectioned by the Government for each of the State Information Commission offices.

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.

Under Section 4 (1) (b) (II)

Powers and duties of Officers and Employees :

Sr. No.	<u>Designation</u>	<u>Powers and Duties</u>
1.	State Information Commissioner, Amravati	Overall management of the State Information Commission matters including general superintendence, direction and leadership. Hearing of appeals and complaints under sec.19 and 18 respectively and issue of ruling where hearing has been held on appeals or complaints.
2.	Deputy Secretary, State Information Commission	To assist in carrying out functions of State Information Commissioner and various incidental work as directed by the State Information Commissioner from time to time to act as controlling officer for officers and staff in the State Information Commission office, Amravati.
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 be allotted from time to time.
4.	Assistant Section Officer	Receive and keep record of Right to Information Act, cases/ other documents and correspondence as per allotment of work. Pool the documents/correspondence neatly and subject to the instructions from their officers follow up on file instructions given by superiors relating to files.
5.	Clerks	1. Inward clerk to receive correspondence distribute to respective officers. 2. Dispatch Clerk – to dispatch correspondence from the State Information Commission after due

		<p>recording. To keep completed cases safely.</p> <p>3. Other clerks to work as allotment of duty to type and prepare monthly extract or inward/outward correspondence/ files other works allotted to them from time to time.</p>
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Under Section 4 (1) (b) (III)

Procedures followed in the Appeals and complaints under Right to Information Act, 2005 :

The Commission receives Second Appeals against the orders of 1st Appellate Officers under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act. This is placed before the State Information Commissioner who disposes the appeal. The Appellate Officer (where required) are called for the hearing of 2nd appeal and they are heard by the State Information Commissioner while adjudicating on the 2nd Appeals.

The Commission also receives complaints under Section 18 of the Right to Information Act. The hearing is fixed on said complaint for redressal. Commission has to discharge the functions in accordance with the provisions of Section 18,19 and 20 of RTI Act, 2005.

Under Section 4 (1) (b) (IV)

Norms set for discharge of functions in State Information Commission.

State Information Commission has not yet set norms for discharge of its functions. With experience some important norms will be put in place.

Under Section 4 (1) (b) (V)

List the rules/ regulations/ instructions/ manuals/ records held in State Information Commission office for discharging its functions :

1. The Right to Information Act (RTI) 2005 (Act No. 22 of 2005) popularly known as RTI Act.
2. Maharashtra Right to Information Rules 2005
3. Circular by General Administrative Departmental issued regarding RTI Act 2005.