

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMISSIONER OF COMMERCIAL TAXES

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

PRESENT: Paul Antony.IAS

Sub:- Right to Information Act, 2005- Nomination of officers as State Public Information officer- Reg:

Ref:-1. GO(P) No. 367/05/GAD/Dated 10..10..05

2. This office order dt.28.11.05

3. Circular No.77000/CDN/06 P&AR Dept.dt.30.10.06

4. This office order dt.19.12.06

Consequent on the publication of the Right to Information Act. 2005 the Government of Kerala had decided to implement the said Act as per the orders issued as reference 1st cited. Accordingly, thirteen district Deputy commissioners were nominated as district level State information Officers at district level, and twenty three inspecting assistant commissioners were appointed Assistant Information officers at sub-divisional level as per the order 2nd cited above: apart from this the Deputy commissioner(General) was appointed as State Information Officer for the Commissionerate.

On the basis circular reference 3rd cited the Deputy Commissioners were nominated Appellate Officer for each District.

The circular 3rd cited above also stipulates that in small offices where Public Information officers are not nominated, the head of such Office can assume himself as Public Information officer, and if needed, a subordinate can be nominated as assistant Information Officer. The above Circular was communicated to all officers for compliance. Directions were also issued to exhibit the names of such officers in each offices in the format prescribed.

But it has come to notice that this has not to be seen implemented in all offices. Specific orders for each office nominating State Public Information officers were not issued since there was specific direction in the Circular on how to operate in small offices in which no State Public Information officers are not nominated.

In the absence of lack of uniformity in implementation of the circular, the following orders are issued for the implementation of the Right to Information Act effectively.

ORDER NO.A4.50427/05/TX DT.26.07.

In partial modification of the orders already issued, the following officers are nominated as State Public Information) Officers:

Name of Office	Officer	Designation under the Act	Jurisdiction Under The Act
Circle Office of Assessment wing	State Public Information AC as the case may be	State Public Information Officer	Area covered by the said Circle
Office of the Inspecting Assistant Commissioner	Inspecting Assistant Commissioner	State Public Information Officer	The said office
Office of the Deputy Commissioner	Manager of the Office	State Public Information Officer	The said office
Audit Assessment Wing in the District	Principal Asst. Comnr (AA),as the case may be	State Public Information Officer	Area covered by the said Office
Intelligence Wing in The District	Insptg Asst. Comnr (INT) or Deputy Commissioner (Int) ,as the case may be	State Public Information Officer	Area covered by the said Office
Commercial Taxes Check Post	IAC,CTO, or CTI in charge of the Check post. As the case may be	State Public Information Officer	Check post

In offices where no such public Information Officer is specifically nominated the head of that office shall assume himself as the state Public Information Officer of that office. The state Public Information Officer of that officers so nominated or assuming charge shall nominate an Assistant Information Officer if required from the staff of such office who is subordinate to him.

Appeal against the orders of such authorities of each district shall be to the Deputy Commissioners in charge of Commercial Tax Districts in respect of their respective jurisdiction and from the original order of such Deputy Commissioner, appeal shall lie to Commissioner, Commercial Taxes, Thiruvananthapuram.

All officers so nominated as above or directed to assume charge shall exhibit the details of Asst. Public Information Officer, State public Information Officers and Appellate Authorities in the format prescribed in the Circular cited above in each office and report compliance.

These orders will take immediate effect

Commissioner.