

State Information Commission starts functioning at Srinagar

- ❖ The J&K SIC has started functioning at Srinagar. Chief Information Commissioner Shri Khurshid Ahmed Ganai and other officers have started their work in right earnest at the Old Assembly Complex, Srinagar.
- ❖ That CIC heard appeals against the orders of First Appellate Authorities of Srinagar Municipal Corporation, Revenue, Education, J&K SSB, Social Welfare Board, Fisheries, PHE/I&FC, IWDP Hills, Health & Medical Education, Police, District Court Jammu and Social Welfare Departments during the first week of May.
- ❖ Since the time SIC was made functional with the appointment of CIC on 03/03/2017, the CIC has heard 14 Second Appeal of Jammu Registry, 20 of Kashmir Registry and 33 of Central Registry. Out of these 31 have been formally disposed of. In 36 cases, interim orders have been issued for providing of information. In 2 cases penalty proceedings have also been initiated under Section 17 of J&K RTI Act, 2009.
- ❖ Vide notification dated 17.03.2017, the CIC has called upon all the Public Authorities to take necessary steps for *suo-moto* disclosure of information in terms of Section 4 of the J&K RTI Act, 2009 wherever such *suo-moto* disclosure has not been made through a website. CIC has advised such Public Authorities to do the needful by or before 30.06.2017. Similarly, vide notification dated 18.04.2017, the CIC called upon all the Public Authorities to notify PIOs & FAAs wherever they have not been designated and notified or where the incumbents have retired or been transferred and the substitutes have not been designated.
- ❖ In the meeting with the SIC officers held on 9th May, 2017, the CIC impressed upon them to work with dedication and ensure more effective functioning of the SIC and implementation of the J&K RTI Act, 2009.