

CRTI Charter of Demands

How to make Punjab Right to Information Commission Effective

2015

1. Punjab Information Commission, (PIC) should develop its web site.
 - 1.1 PIC web site should contain all the information enlisted in Section 4 of the Punjab Transparency and Right to Information Act 2013.
 - 1.2 PIC should maintain updated list of Public Information Officers on its web site.
 - 1.3 PIC web site should facilitate citizens to launch online complaint against public bodies.
 - 1.4 PIC should maintain updated information about status of complaints lodged by citizens against public bodies.
2. PIC should frame its rules and make them available on its web site.
3. Punjab government should give Punjab Information Commission budgetary autonomy and it should be given one line budget every year based on budget demands of Punjab Information Commission.
4. PIC should ensure implementation of Section 4 pertaining to proactive disclosure of information by Punjab public bodies.
5. PIC should develop standards for public bodies for maintenance and indexing of their records.
6. PIC should develop guidelines for public bodies to prepare annual report pertaining to their obligations under the Punjab Transparency and Right to Information Act 2013.
7. PIC should develop framework to monitor and report on compliance by Punjab public bodies about their obligations under the Punjab Transparency and Right to Information Act 2013.
8. PIC should map existing laws, rules, procedures and executive decisions which are in conflict with the spirit of the Punjab Transparency and Right to Information Act 2013, prepare recommendations for the government to abolish these laws, rules, procedures and executive decisions.
9. PIC Commissioners should declare their assets.
10. PIC should develop Code of Conduct for its Commissioners and staff members.
11. PIC should intimate complainants on the receipt of the complaint.
12. Chief Information Commissioner should not have discretionary powers in allotting complaints to other commissioners. Complaints should be allotted to Commissioners in order of the sequence these complaints are received. If a complaint is of complex nature, the member may seek input from other members in disposing off the complaint.
13. Punjab Information Commission to ensure issuing final order/decision on complaints within 60 days of the receipt of the complaint.