

Minutes of the meeting of the Search Committee held under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary Haryana on 22.03.2022 at 10.15 AM at Old Committee Room, Haryana Vidhan Sabha, Chandigarh for shortlisting names of applicants for appointment as State Chief Information Commissioner and a State Information Commissioner in the State Information Commission.

The Committee constituted vide notification no. 01/01/2022-1AR dated 14.03.2022 of the Government of Haryana met under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary at 10.15 AM on 22.03.2022 to shortlist the names of applicants for appointment as State Chief Information Commissioner and a State Information Commissioner in the State Information Commission, Haryana.

The meeting was attended by the following:-

- i) Shri Sanjeev Kaushal, Chief Secretary, Haryana.
 - ii) Shri T.V. S.N. Prasad, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary to Govt. of Haryana, Finance Department.
 - iii) Shri Sudhir Rajpal, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary to Govt. of Haryana, Civil Aviation Department.
2. The Committee observed that as per section 15(2) of the RTI Act, 2005, the State Information Commission shall consist of the State Chief Information Commissioner and such number of State Information Commissioners, not exceeding ten, as may be deemed necessary. The Committee noted that in response to the advertisements published on 06.02.2022 seeking applications to fill up the posts of State Chief Information Commissioner and a State Information Commissioner, total 30 and 69 applications respectively have been received by the due date.
 3. The Committee noted that the State Chief Information Commissioner and State Information Commissioner shall be a person of eminence in public life with wide knowledge and experience in law, science and technology, social service, management, journalism, mass media or administration and governance.
 4. The Committee also took note of order date 15.02.2019 passed by the Supreme Court in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 436 of 2018 titled as Anjali Bhardwaj and others Vs. Union of India and other. The Committee observed that para 67 of the order outlines guidelines regarding the process to be adopted while shortlisting the candidates. In particular, it has been directed by the Supreme Court that while making recommendations for appointment of Information Commissioners, it must be mentioned against the name of each candidate recommended, the facts to indicate his eminence in public life, his knowledge in the particular field and his experience in particular field.
 5. The Committee considered all applications which were received by the specified due date.


6. After taking into account all the relevant criteria, the Committee shortlisted the following names for consideration for appointment as State Chief Information Commissioner and State Information Commissioner (A summary of the facts to indicate his/her eminence in public life, knowledge and experience in the particular field with respect to each recommended candidate is given in Annexure-A1 & A2)

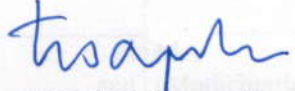
State Chief Information Commissioner:

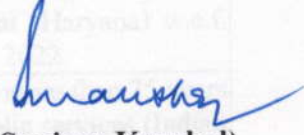
Sr. No.	Name(S/Smt./Sh.)
1	Vijai Vardhan, IAS(Retd.)
2	Alok Nigam, IAS(Retd.)
3	Dheera Khandelwal, IAS(Retd.)

State Information Commissioner:

Sr. No.	Name (S/Smt./Sh.)
1	Dr. Satyavir Singh Phulia, IAS(Retd.)
2	Dr. Vibha Gupta
3	Rajeev Dudeja


(Sudhir Rajpal)
 Additional Chief
 Secretary to Govt. of
 Haryana, Civil Aviation
 Department


(T.V.S.N. Prasad)
 Additional Chief Secretary
 to Govt. of Haryana,
 Finance Department.


(Sanjeev Kaushal)
 Chief Secretary, Haryana.

SUMMARY

Sr. No.	Name D.O.B	Eminence	Knowledge	Experience
1	Vijai Vardhan, IAS (Retd.) 11.11.1961	Sector of Tourism, Culture, Urban Development and experience of working in the Home Department	BA (Honors) History, MA (History)	Joined the Indian Police Service in 1984 and Indian Administrative Service in 1985 (Haryana Cadre). Retired as Chief Secretary, Haryana on 30.11.2021. Professor of Practice Jindal School of Liberal Arts and Humanities (OP Jindal Global University Rai, Sonipat, Haryana). Resigned as Professor of Practice, Jindal School of Liberal Arts and Humanities OP Jindal Global University Rai, Sonipat (Haryana) w.e.f. 11.03.2022.
2	Alok Nigam, IAS (Retd.) 18.11.1961	Specialization in Administration and Governance; Revenue Law as Financial Commissioner. Headed many State Public Sector Boards and Corporations as Chairman/Managing Director. Also worked in Govt. of India for more than 04 years as Joint Secretary, Banking Operations, Department of Financial Services in the Ministry of Finance. Also worked as Government nominee Director in the Bank of Baroda, NABARD and National Housing Bank	MA (Mathematics), B.A (Mathematic, Statistics, Psychology), ISC 12, ICSE 10	Spent more than 35 years in public services (Indian Administrative Service).
3	Dheera Khandelwal, IAS (Retd.) 22.08.1961	Public Policies, Public Administration and Quasi Judicial work	Post Graduation (History), LLB	35 years' experience in Indian Administrative Service.

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1	Dr. Satyavir Singh Phulia, IAS (Retd.) 08.04.1961	General Administration	M.A.(Psy.), M.ed, MBA, M. Phill, Ph. D	Superannuated from Haryana Govt. on 30.04.2021. During his last posting he was posted as Director General, Sports and Youth Affairs, Haryana.
2	Dr. Vibha Gupta 06.03.1960	Education & Administration	M.PED, Ph.D	Thirty Eight Years work experience. Retd. Officiating Principal D.A.V. College for Girls, Yamunanagar. Gold Medal in All India Inter University in Gymnastic.
3	Rajeev Dudeja 16.01.1962	Legal	B.Sc., L.L.B, Advance Diploma in taxation	Deputy Legal Remembrancer and Deputy Secretary from 2005 to 2011, Joint Legal Remembrancer and Joint Secretary from 2011 to 2015 and Secretary (legal) on Deputation from 2015 to 31.01.2020 and then as such, on re-employment at Haryana Staff Selection Commission.