

**Minutes of the meeting of the Search Committee held under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary Haryana on 07.01.2022 at 10.30 AM at Main Committee Room for shortlisting names of applicants for appointment as Information Commissioners in the State Information Commission.**

The Committee constituted vide notification no. 01/05/2021-1AR dated 25.08.2021 of the Government of Haryana met under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary at 10.30 AM on 07.01.2022 to shortlist the names of applicants for appointment as Information Commissioners 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 Information Commissioners, not exceeding ten, as may be deemed necessary. The Committee noted that in response to the advertisement published on 25.08.2021 and 01.10.2021 seeking applications to fill up the two vacant posts of Information Commissioners, a total of 136 applications have been received by the due date.
3. The Committee noted that the 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.

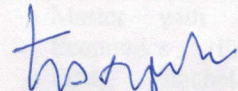


6. After taking into account all the relevant criteria, the Committee shortlisted the following 6 names for consideration for appointment as Information Commissioners to fill up two vacant posts in the State Information Commission (A summary of the facts to indicate his/her eminence in public life, knowledge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

Sr. No.	Name (S/Smt./Sh.)
1.	Namita Sekhon, IA & AS (Retd.)
2.	Jyoti Arora, IAS (Retd.)
3.	Lt. General D.S. Ahuja, AVSM (Retd.)
4.	Arun Kumar Singal
5.	Pankaj Mehta
6.	Rajeev Kumar 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.

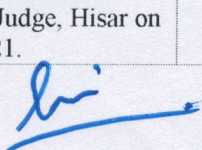

  
(Sanjeev Kaushal)

Chief Secretary, Haryana.



## SUMMARY

Sr. No.	Name D.O.B.	Eminence	Knowledge	Experience
1	Namita Sekhon, IA & AS (Retd.) 21.04.1961	Government Audit, Finance & Accounts and Management.	Master of Arts in English from Punjab University, Chandigarh (1983), Master of Arts in History from Punjab University, Chandigarh (1985), Advance Management Development Programme (AMDP) at Wharton, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia (2014), Postgraduate Diploma in Women Studies from Punjab University, Chandigarh (2017)	Retired as Deputy Comptroller and Auditor General (HR and International Relation) (Level 17, Apex Scale) on 30.04.2021. Service Carrier of more than 36 years
2	Jyoti Arora, IAS (Retd.) 15.10.1961	Management, Administration and Governance	Master with Honors – Economics (First Class First), Bachelors with Honours – Economics (First Class First)	Joined IAS in 1987. Apart from working at the field at the State Level worked for more than 10 years in Govt. of India and Special Secretary & FA with Govt. of India, Ministry of Electronics & information Technology.
3.	Lt. General D.S. Ahuja, AVSM (Retd.) 23.02.1961	Distinguished career profile spanning nearly 40 years in the field of administration, development of human resources, mentoring of several educational institutions, grooming the youth to make them the finest soldiers and steering mega turnkey defense infrastructural projects within allocated budgets with his visionary approach and balanced decision making skills. A thorough professional whose objective is to work consistently in a dynamic organization applying his knowledge and experience to contribute positively towards the betterment of society	Bachelor of Science, B.Tech (Electrical Engineering), Master of Science (Defense and Strategic Studies), Master of Management Studies, Master of Philosophy, Independent Director's course.	Lt. Gen- 2016 to 2021 Maj Gen- 2014-2016 Brigadier – 2008-2014 Colonel – 2001-2008 Lt. Co & below-1981-2001
4.	Arun Kumar Singal 29.12.1961	Appointed as Civil Judge in February, 1996. Retired as District & Sessions Judge, Hisar on 31.12.2021.	M.Sc, LL.M, CFSC	He has vast experience of more than 30 years in the field of law. Remained part time lecturer of Botany in Govt. College,

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				Jind and Narwana,. Being Chairman of District Legal Services Authority. He also remained engaged in social service also. He have wide experience in Administration work/ management as District and Sessions Judge. Apart from this. He have also decided so many appeals filed under RTI Act being the Appellate Authority.
5.	Pankaj Mehta 21.10.1957	Advocate and Social Service	B.A., LLB and PG Diploma in personnel Management and Industrial Relations.	Practicing since 1981 at District Bar Association, Hisar
6.	Rajeev Kumar Dudeja 16.01.1962	Legal	B.Sc, LL.B, Advance Diploma in Taxation	Joined Law & Legislative Department, Govt. of Haryana in year 1986 and worked there on the post of Superintendent (Legal). Assistant Legal Remembrancer, Deputy Legal Remembrancer-cum-Deputy Secretary, Joint Legal Remembrancer-cum - Joint Secretary till the year 2015. In 2015 appointed as Secretary (Legal) in Haryana Staff Selection Commission and working there even after retirement on 31.01.2020 on re-employment basis.

