PRESS NOTE

Sri C. Madhukar Raj, State Information Commissioner, during the month of February, 2013 has disposed in total (351) cases; out of which (271) are appeal cases and (80) are Show Cause Notice hearing Cases. After hearing these (80) Show Cause Notice cases, in (31) cases a total penalty of Rs. 1,36,000/- has been imposed on the Public Information Officers, for not complying with the provisions of the Act.

Sri C. Madhukar Raj, in the last (8) months, from July, 2012 to February, 2013, has disposed (2,520) cases, which include (1,973) appeal cases and (547) Show Cause Notice hearing cases. On hearing these (547) Show Cause Notice cases, penalties have been imposed to an extent of Rs. 9,86,250/-, in (181) cases, where the Public Information Officers were found to have not acted reasonably and diligently, while dealing with the applications for supply of information.

With the above, the pendency of 2010 and 2011 cases is completed in respect of Municipal Administration & Urban Development, Home, Endowments, Irrigation & CAD, Food & Civil Supplies, Finance & Planning and Tribal Welfare Departments. The hearing of the appeals received during 2012 in respect of all these Departments has started from 1st February, 2013. The 2012 pending cases are expected to be completed by July, 2013. The objective is to take up hearing of cases, within three months of receipt of appeals in the Commission and this is expected to be achieved by end of this year.

C. Madhukar Raj,
State Information Commissioner.