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Sri C. Madhukar Raj, State Information Commissioner during the month of March, 2013 has disposed (263) Appeal cases. The disposal of these cases has resulted in issue of Show Cause Notices to (96) Public Information Officers, where it was found that the information was denied to the Applicants for long periods, without adequate reasons. On hearing Show Cause Cases, (81) such cases were disposed during the month imposing penalties of Rs. 84,250/- on (35) Public Information Officers, who were found to have not acted reasonably and diligently in supplying the information.

In the 1st Quarter of 2013, i.e. from January, 2013 to March, 2013, (810) appeal cases have been disposed. During this period, (232) Show Cause Notice Cases have also been disposed imposing penalties of Rs. 3,01,250/-... This includes penalties imposed on the Public Information Officers of Municipal Administration & Urban Development Department, in (65) cases an amount of Rs. 2,01,250/-, Home i.e Police and Fire Services, in (4) cases an amount of Rs. 10,000/-, Endowments, in (1) case an amount of Rs. 2,500/-, Irrigation & Command Area Development, in (12) cases an amount of Rs. 50,000/-, Food and Civil Supplies, in (3) cases an amount of Rs. 10,000/- and Finance & Planning in (2) cases an amount of Rs. 27,500/-.

Coming to the number of cases disposed since July, 2012, i.e., in the last (9) months, a total of (2,239) Appeal Cases have been disposed and total penalties of Rs. 10,70,500/- have been imposed in (628) cases.

As on now the cases of April / May, 2012 are being heard. The objective to take up hearing of Appeal cases in the Commission, within three months of receipt of appeals and this is expected to be achieved by the end of this year.

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