

Annexure – “A”

CODE OF ETHICS

1. The behavior and conduct of members of the State Information Commission must reaffirm the people’s faith in the impartiality of the Commission. Accordingly any act of an Information Commissioner whether in official or personal capacity, which erodes the credibility of this perception, has to be avoided.
2. An Information Commissioner should practice a degree of discretion in public dealing consistent with the dignity of his/her office.
3. An Information Commissioner shall not hear and decide a matter in which a member of his family, a close relation is a party.
4. An Information Commissioner is expected to let his/her decisions speak for themselves. He/she shall not give interview to the media on the subject of decisions made.
5. An Information Commissioner shall not hear and decide a matter concerning a company/trust/society in which he/she holds shares/substantial interest unless he/she has disclosed his/her interest and no objection to his/her hearing and deciding the matter is raised.
6. An Information Commissioner should not contest election to any office of a club, society or other association; further he/she shall not hold such elective office except in an academic or cultural institution.
7. An Information Commissioner shall not enter into public debate on political matters.
8. An Information Commissioner shall not accept gifts or hospitality except from his/her family, close relations and friends.
9. An Information Commissioner shall not engage directly or indirectly in trade or business, either by himself/herself or in association with any other person. (Publication activity in the nature of a hobby shall not be construed as a trade or business).
10. An Information Commissioner should not ask for or accept donations.