

(3) The Information Commission shall comprise three Commissioners to be appointed by the Federal Government. No person shall be appointed as Commissioner unless—

- (a) he has been or is qualified to be a Judge of a High Court;
- (b) he has been in the service of Pakistan in BS -22 or equivalent; and
- (c) he is from civil society having a degree based on sixteen years of education from a recognized public sector institution and experience of not less than fifteen years in the field of mass communication, academics or human rights.

(4) The Information Commission shall be headed by the Chief Information Commissioner, who shall be appointed by the Federal Government from amongst the commissioners.

(5) The Chief Information Commissioner and the Commissioners shall hold office for a term of four years from the date on which they assume charge of their office and shall not be eligible for re-appointment.

(6) The Chief Information Commissioner and the Commissioners shall not hold any other public office or be connected with any political party at the time of or during their appointment to the Information Commission and, once appointed, they shall work on full time basis and may not run any business or pursue any profession during their tenure as the Chief Information Commissioner and Commissioners.

(7) The Chief Information Commissioner and Commissioners shall be removed if there are serious complaints of mental and physical incapacity and misconduct against them, which are materially inconsistent with the status of being a Commissioner. The complaint shall be lodged before a five-member Parliamentary Committee comprising two Senators nominated by the Chairman Senate and three Members of National Assembly nominated by the Speaker National Assembly. The speaker National Assembly shall nominate one of the five members as the Chairperson of the said Parliamentary Committee:

Provided that where the National Assembly stands dissolved the parliamentary committee shall comprise five Senators and the Chairman Senate shall nominate one of the five Senators as Chairperson of the Parliamentary Committee

(8) The Parliamentary Committee shall consider the complaint, record reasons and present its recommendations to the Federal Government which shall implement the recommendations within thirty days from the date of receipt of such recommendations.

20. **Functions of the Information Commission.**—(1) The Information Commission shall have the primary responsibility to receive and decide on complaints.

(2) The Information Commission shall, in addition to its functions under subsection (1), perform the following functions, namely:—

- (a) compile a user-friendly handbook, in Urdu and English, describing in easily comprehensible form the rights established by, and how to make a request under, this Act;