

# Karnataka State Human Rights Commission

## Chapter 1

### Organisation, Functions and Duties

[Section 4(1)(b)(i)]

As prescribed under section 4(1)(b) of the Right to Information Act, the following is notified for the information of the general public

#### CONSTITUTION OF THE COMMISSION

Name Karnataka State Human Rights Commission

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Bengaluru - 560001

#### DETAILS OF THE COMMISSION

The Karnataka State Human Rights Commission is a statutory organization established as per Section 21 of the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993. The State Commission consists of a Chairperson and two Members, who shall be appointed by the Governor, after obtaining recommendation of the Committee Constituted as per Section 22(1) of the Protection of Human Rights Act. The Commission came into existence on 25-07-2007.

The details of the Hon'ble Chairperson and Hon'ble Members of the Commission are as follows.

Shri D.H Waghela, Former Chief Justice of the High Courts of Karnataka, Odisha & Bombay	Hon'ble Chairperson	Appointed vide Government Notification No. LAW 42 HRC 2017-I, dated 5/2/2018 and assumed charge on 12/3/2018.
Shri K B Chengappa, Rtd. Principal District and Session Judge	Hon'ble Member	Appointed vide Government Notification No. LAW 42 HRC 2017 -II, dated 15/02/2018 and assumed charge on 19/02/2018.
Shri Rupak Kumar Dutta, IPS Rtd. DG & IGP	Hon'ble Member	Appointed as per Government Notification No. LAW 42 HRC 2017 -III, dt:15/02/2018 and assumed charge on 26/02/2018.

As per The Protection of Human Rights Act, the Commission shall perform the following functions, namely:

- (a)** inquire, suo-moto or on a petition presented to it by a victim or any person on his behalf (or on a direction or order of any court), into complaint of:-
  - (i)** violation of human rights or abetment thereof; or
  - (ii)** negligence in the prevention of such violation by a public servant;
- (b)** intervene in any proceeding involving any allegation of violation of human rights pending before a court with the approval of such Court;
- (c)** visit, notwithstanding anything contained in any other law of the time being in force, any jail or other institution under the control of the State Government, where persons are detained or lodged for purposes of treatment, reformation or protection, for the study of the living conditions of the inmates thereof and make recommendations thereon to the Government;
- (d)** review the safeguards provided by or under the Constitution or any law for the protection of human rights and recommend measures for their effective implementation;
- (e)** review the factors, including acts of terrorism, that inhibit the enjoyment of human rights and recommend appropriate remedial measures;
- (f)** study treaties and other international instruments on human rights and make recommendations for their effective implementation;
- (g)** undertake and promote research in the field of human rights;
- (h)** spread human rights literacy among various sections of society and promote awareness of the safeguards available for the protection of these rights through publications, the media, seminars and other available means;
- (i)** encourage the efforts of non-governmental organizations and institutions working in the field of human rights;
- (j)** Such other functions as it may consider necessary for the promotion of human rights.