

**1. CRITICALLY EXAMINE THE ROLE OF STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION.**

The State Information Commissioner is a statutory body provided under the Right to Information Act of 2005. They enjoy independence of office and powers and privileges to ensure transparency in public life. Like Central Information Commission, the State Information Commission is overburdened with backlog cases. Shortage of required manpower, the backlog cases are increasing day by day. In October, 2014, the maximum number of appeals and complaints were pending in UP. But, there are also examples of states like Mizoram, Tripura, and Sikkim which do not have backlog cases. The powers of the Commission are limited only to give information and not to take any action, even if there are anomalies.

However, the SICs are playing a laudatory role in ensuring transparency in public life. Thus, they are helping in combating corruption, nepotism, oppression and misuse of the authority.



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