

- (b) have an accredited accountant to conduct an audit of its accounts on an annual basis; and
- (c) compile a comprehensive annual report both describing its own activities, including an overview of its audited accounts and providing an overview of the activities undertaken by all public bodies to implement this Act.

21. Powers of the Information Commission.—(1) The Information Commission shall have all the powers, direct or incidental, as are necessary to perform its functions as provided for in this Act and the power to acquire, hold and dispose of property including the power to—

- (a) monitor and report on the compliance by public bodies with their obligations under this Act;
- (b) co-operate with or undertake training activities for public officials on the right of access to information and the effective implementation of this Act;
- (c) publicise the requirements of this Act and the rights of individuals thereunder;
- (d) conduct inquiries in relation to an appeal and for this purpose shall have the powers of a civil court in respect of the following matters:—
 - (i) summoning and enforcing the attendance of witnesses and compelling them to give oral or written evidence under oath; and
 - (ii) requiring public bodies to produce records as defined in section 6 pertaining to the complaint;
- (e) order a public body to disclose information to an applicant or to take such other reasonable measures as it may deem necessary to remedy any failure to implement the provisions of this Act;
- (f) impose on the official a fine equivalent to his the salary for one day, for a maximum of one hundred days, who has acted wilfully to obstruct any activity which is required to be undertaken by this Act, including preventing or delaying the disclosure of information to an applicant; and
- (g) hire its employees in prescribed manner.

(2) A decision of the Information Commission under clauses (e) and (f) of sub-section (1) may, if it has not been appealed against within thirty days, be dealt with in the same way as any contempt of court.

22. Funding for the Information Commission.—The Federal Government shall make annual budgetary allocation to the Information Commission to discharge its functions under this Act.