

**ACCESS OF INFORMATION HELD IN ELECTRONIC FORMAT UNDER RIGHT TO INFORMATION ACT, 2005:**

An application was filed before the Sub Registrar, Nagarbhavi, Bangalore, seeking copy of documents registered in their Office in Electronic Format. The Sub Registrar declined information stating that the CDs prepared by the Contractor included Wills and Powers of Attorney, which being third party cannot be disclosed.

Aggrieved by the decision of the Public Information Officer a complaint was filed before the Karnataka Information Commission and the same was registered as Case No. KIC 1739

COM 2007. During hearing of the complaint Mr. S B Dhavaleshwar, Senior Sub Registrar and PIO, agreed to invoke Section 10 “severability” of the Right to Information Act, 2005 and provide information in CD.

Commission in its order dated 30.8.2007 directed the PIO to provide information in Electronic Format, free of cost. This is the First Order issued by the Information Commission to provide copy of Sale Deeds in Electronic Format. Accordingly the information was provided to the applicant on 8.10.2007 by the Inspector General of Registration.

Many Sub Registrars during hearing of cases before Karnataka Information Commission expressed their difficulty in providing copy of Sale Deeds in Electronic Format since all documents are being stored in a single diskette. Karnataka Information Commission in their Order in Case No. KIC 2513 PTN 2013 DATED 19.8.2013 directed the Inspector General of Registration to maintain Sale Deeds and other Deeds separately in Computer so as to enable easy access of required information under RTI.