

No.10-5/2013-RTI
Ministry of Communications & IT
Deptt. of Telecommunications
510-Sanchar Bhawan, 20-Ashoka Road, New Delhi

Dated : 29/04/2013

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

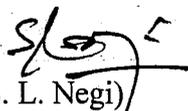
Sub: Payment of fee under the RTI Act by DD/Banker's cheque/ Indian Postal Order - reg.

The undersigned is directed to refer to DoPT's OM No. F. 10/9/2008-IR dated 5th December, 2008 on the subject noted above (copy enclosed) wherein it has been reiterated that all the public authorities should ensure that payment of fee under RTI by DD/Banker's cheque/IPO payable to the **Accounts Officer of the concerned public authority** is not denied. In case of DoT, it has also been prescribed in consultation with PAO that DD/Banker's cheque/ IPO towards payment of fee by the applicant under RTI should be payable to **PAO(HQ), DoT, New Delhi**.

2. It has now come to the notice that CPIOs in DoT sometimes refuse processing of RTI applications in cases where DD/Banker's cheque/ IPO is payable to the Accounts officer of DoT instead of PAO(HQ), DoT. Refusal to accept such RTI applications for processing by CPIOs is in contrary to the provisions of the RTI Act and the rules made thereunder, as reiterated in DoPT's O.M dated 5th Dec. 2008.

3. In view of the above and to put the matter beyond doubt, it is, therefore, reiterated with the approval of the competent authority that in case of DoT (Public Authority), DD/Banker's cheque/ IPO towards fee by the applicant under RTI should be payable to PAO(HQ), DoT, New Delhi. However, DD/Banker's cheque/ IPO in favour of the **Accounts Officer, DOT must also be accepted** by the CPIOs/PAO, DOT and this cannot be a ground for refusal of RTI applications under any circumstances.

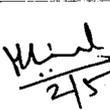
Encl: As above.


(S. L. Negi)
Director(Coord./P&A)& CPIO, DoT
Tel: 23036094

To

1. All Appellate Authorities / CPIOs, DoT
2. Director(Accounts), DoT
3. Director (IT), Dot for uploading this OM on the DoT's website
4. PAO, DoT

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Government of India
Ministry of Personnel, PG and Pension
Department of Personnel & Training

North Block, New Delhi
Dated: the 5th December, 2008

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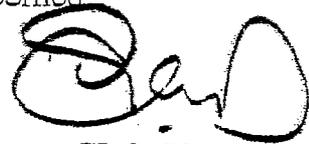
Subject: Payment of fee under the RTI Act by demand draft/bankers cheque/Indian Postal Order.

The undersigned is directed to say that the Right to Information (Regulation of Fee and Cost) Rules, 2005 provide that a person seeking information under the RTI Act, 2005 can make payment of fee for obtaining information by cash or demand draft or banker's cheque or Indian postal order. According to the rules the demand draft/banker's cheque /IPO should be payable to the Accounts Officer of the concerned public authority. It was brought to the notice of this Department that some public authorities did not accept demand drafts/banker's cheques/Indian Postal Orders drawn in the name of their Accounts Officer and insisted that these should be drawn in the name of Drawing and Disbursing Officer or the Under Secretary or the Section Officer etc. This Department vide OM No.1/2/2007-IR dated 23rd March, 2007 issued instructions that the demand drafts/banker's cheques/IPOs made payable to the Accounts Officers of the public authority should not be denied. In spite of the provisions in the rules and instructions of this Department, some public authorities still refuse to accept demand drafts/banker's cheques /IPOs drawn in the name of the Accounts Officer of the public authority.

2. Refusal to accept an application on the ground that the demand draft/banker's cheque/IPO submitted by the applicant has been drawn in the name of the Accounts Officer may amount to refusal to accept the application. It may result into imposition of penalty by the Central Information Commission on the concerned Central Public Information Officer under Section 20 of the Act. All the public authorities should, therefore, ensure that payment of fee by demand draft/banker's cheque/IPO made payable to the Accounts Officer of the public authority is not denied.

3. Contents of this OM may be brought to the notice of all concerned

Handwritten notes:
To Union Public Service Commission
Approved
A.P.T.D.



(K.G. Verma)
Director
Tel: 23092158

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