

RTI-134/2009/IPR
Government of Orissa
Information & Public Relations Department

Bhubaneswar

Laksampark

Bhawan,

Dated: the July,2009

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject:- Payment of application fee under the RTI Act by Demand Draft/
Indian Postal Order / Money Order etc.

1. It has come to the notice of the Nodal Department, RTI implementation, Orissa that some of the Public Authorities are not entertaining RTI application filed with Money Orders / Demand Drafts / Indian Postal Order etc. despite the clarification issued vide this Office Order NO.6468 / IPR dtd:18-02-2009.
2. Denial of access on the afore-mentioned ground has caused the filing of complaint cases / 2nd Appeals before Hon'ble Orissa Information Commission. Many of the Public Information Officers have been cautioned to be careful while dealing with the RTI application. Simultaneously, the Nodal Department has been directed to issue appropriate guidelines as per orders of the State Commission.
3. Further, in a landmark judgment Hon'ble Orissa Information Commission has interpreted that the Money Orders / IPOs / Bank Drafts etc. may be treated as Cash.
4. Hence, all the Public Authorities identified under the Right to Information Act, 2005 in Orissa are hereby impressed upon to accept Money Orders/ IPOs/ Bank Drafts etc. as the application fee along with the provisions as contained in the scheduled of Orissa Right to Information (Amendment) Rules, 2006.
5. Contents of this OM may be brought to the notice of all concerned.

Sd/-

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