

**CIRCULARS**

Govt. of Orissa  
Information & Public Relations Department

No. RTI-110/00-6468/ I & PR.,

From

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Dy Director-cum-Dy. Secy. to Govt.

To

The P.I.Os of all Government Departments.

Sub: Acceptance of Money Orders/IPOs / Bank Draft etc. alongwith the RTI Applications of the Information Seekers under RTI Act, 2005.

In inviting a reference to the subject cited above, I am hereby clarifying and also drawing your kind attention in this regard that, the Hon'ble "Commission" has opined in his verdict that, the money orders, IPOs, Bank Drafts etc. may be treated as cash and hence, the R.T.I Applications of the information Seekers may be accepted wherever the applicant has enclosed/attached/appended the above mentioned free materials towards deposit of amount / cost/fee in shape of money orders, IPOs, & Bank Drafts etc. in addition to acceptance of cash and Treasury Challan thereto.

Rejection of the Application on the ground that the applicant has not deposited the amount / cost of the Application fee either in shape of cash / Treasury Challan as per instructions / guidelines issued earlier is in consistent with the Act as per the verdict of eh Orissa Information Commission and the reformer will liable to penalty if any imposed by the "Commission" under section 19 of the RTI Act, 2005.

Yours faithfully

Sd/-

Dy. Director-Cum-Dy. Secy. to Govt.