

Chapter 23

“RTI- HOW TO APPLY FOR INFORMATION UNDER RTI ACT, 2005”

1. Introduction

Any citizen of India who desires to obtain any information under the Right to Information Act, 2005 may make a request to the Central Public Information Officer, preferably in the application format, in writing or through electronic means.

2. Application Fee

The application for obtaining information under sub-section (1) of section 6 of RTI Act, 2005, must be accompanied by prescribed application fee drawn in favour of Principal, CIHM payable at Chandigarh. At present the application fee, which is subject to change from time to time, is as under:-

Application fee : Rs. 10/- (Rupees ten only)

Mode of payment : By cash against proper receipt or by demand draft/banker's cheque/Indian Postal Order drawn in favour of Principal, CIHM payable at Chandigarh.

Persons who belong to BPL category are not required to pay the application fee provided necessary documents in support are produced.

3. Additional Fee

In case it is decided to provide the information, the applicant shall be informed of the additional fees required to be deposited by him/her for the information sought and information shall be furnished after the deposit of the fee by the Requester, as per the Act.

In accordance to directives given in the above mentioned Gazette notification dated 16/09/2005, for providing the information under sub-section (1) of Section 7, an additional fee shall be charged. At present, the applicable rates, which are subject to change from time to time, are given as under:-

a.	For each page (in A-4 or A-3 size paper) created or copied.	Rs. 2/- per page
b.	For a copy in larger size paper	Actual charge or cost price
c.	For samples or models	Actual cost or price
d.	For inspection of records	No fee for the first hour; Rs. 5/hr. thereafter

Further, for providing the information under sub-section (5) of Section 7, the fee shall be charged at the following rates:-

a.	For information provided in diskette of floppy	Rs. 50/- (Rupees fifty only) per diskette or floppy
b.	For information provided in printed form	At the price fixed for such publication or Rs. 2/- per page of photocopy for extracts from the publication

The mode of payment of above mentioned additional fees shall be the same as application fee.

4. Appeal

In case the applicant does not receive a decision within the time specified in sub-section (1) or clause (a) of sub-section (3) of section 7, or is aggrieved by a decision of the PIO, as the case may be, may within thirty days from the expiry of such period from the receipt of such a decision, prefer an appeal to the ministerial Appellate Authority.