

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (GPM&AR) DEPARTMENT**

Circular U.O. Note No.2985/RTIA/KPS/ GPM&AR/07-1, Dt. 8 -06- 2007.

Sub:- RTI Act, 2005- Complaint on Non-acceptance of fee by cash clarification – Regarding.

Ref:- 1. G.O. Ms. No. 454, GA (I&PR-II) Deptt, Dt. 13.10.2005.
2. From the OSD, APIC, Lr. No. 2726/APIC/07, Dt. 23.5.2007.

The attention of all the Departments of Secretariat is invited to the reference 1st cited wherein Rules have been issued under Section 27 of RTI Act, 2005 to provide information to the Applicants:

The Rule '3' provides that :

"3 Application fee to accompany request for obtaining information:

A request for obtaining information under sub-section (1) of section 6 shall be accompanied by an application fee by way of cash or by Demand Draft or by Bankers' Cheque payable to the Accounts Officer or any other duly authorized officer of the Public authority, against proper receipt, at the following rates:-

- a) in respect of public authorities at the Village Level – no fee;
- b) in respect of public authorities at Mandal Level – Rs. 5/- per application.
- c) in respect of public authorities other than those covered above – Rs. 10/- per application."

2. Complaints are being received that some Public Information Officers (PIOs) are not accepting cash payment of Application fees. This is in violation of the above rules. All Departments may note the above and instruct their Subordinate Officers suitably.

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