

Human Resources Management (AR.III) Department, Secretariat, Chennai-600 009. பிலவ, மார்கழி 05 திருவள்ளுவர் ஆண்டு 2052

Letter No. 16909/AR.III/2020- 02, Dated 20.12.2021

From
Tmt. MYTHILI K. RAJENDRAN, I.A.S.,
Secretary to Government.

To
All Departments of Secretariat,
All the Heads of Departments
 (including Commissions, Corporations and University etc.,),
The Secretary, Tamil Nadu Information Commission,
 Pernpet, Nandanam Chennai 600 035.

Sir / Madam,

Sub: The Right to Information Act, 2005 – Separate Head of Account for the payment of penalty imposed on Public Information Officers – Opening – Regarding.

Ref: 1. G.O.Ms.No.989, Public (Estt.I & Leg.) Department, dated 07.10.2005.

2. Letter No.8184-C/AD/2020-1, dated 15.07.2020 received from the Additional Chief Secretary / Director and Director General of Training, Anna Institute of Management (now called as Anna Administrative Staff College).

I am directed to state that in the reference 1st cited, the Government have notified the Tamil Nadu Right to Information (Fees) Rules, 2005.

- 2. Account heads for collection of fees, refund of fees, and for making payment to the petitioner as compensation by the Public Authority under section 19(8) of the Right to Information Act have been opened. However, no head of account has been opened for the recovery of Penalty imposed on the Public Information Officer for their non-compliance of the provision of the Right to Information Act, under section 20(1).
- 3. The Government have examined the matter and have decided to open a new head of account for the recovery of penalty imposed on the Public Information Officer by the Tamil Nadu Information Commission, for their non-compliance of the provisions of the Right to Information Act, under section 20(1).

4. The following is the new Head of Account for the recovery of Penalty from the Public Information Officer under the Right to Information Act.

"0070 Other Administrative Services – 60 Other Services – 119 Penalties for Deficiency in Public Services – AB Recovery of Penalty amount imposed on Public Information Officer – 229 Fines and Penalties – 99 others
[IFHRMS DPC No: 0070-60-119-AB-22999]".

- 5. The Secretary to Government, Human Resources Management Department shall be the Estimating, Reconciling and Controlling authority for the above new Head of Account.
- 6. This letter is issued with the concurrence of Finance Department vide its U.O.No.4250/FS(P)/2021, Finance (Public) Department, dated 06.12.2021.

Yours faithfully,

for Secretary to Government. 2012/21

Copy to:

The Finance (BG-II /BC/ Public) Department, Chennai 600 009.

The Director of Treasuries and Accounts Department, Chennai 600 015.

The Principal Accountant General (AAD, F & A Cell, Audit-I and Audit-II), Chennai 600 018/35.

All Pay and Accounts Officers / Treasury Officers / Sub - Treasury.

The Registrar, High Court, Chennai 600 104.

The Secretary, Legislative Assembly, Chennai 600 009.

The Human Resources Management (AR.II) Department,

Chennai 600 009 (for posting this letter in this department's website).

All Sections, Human Resources Management Department, Secretariat, Chennai 600 009.