

Personnel and Administrative Reforms (AR.III)Department, Secretariat, Chennai-9.

## Letter No. 21200/ARIII/2007- 2, Dated: 16.05.2007.

From

Thiru T.S.Sridhar, I.A.S., Special commissioner and Secretary to Government

To

All Secretaries to Government, All Heads of Departments, All District Collectors.

Sir,

Sub: RTI Act,2005- Refund of fees under Tamil Nadu Right to Information(Fees)Rules,2005- Head of account notified.

Ref:

- G.O.Ms.No.989, Public(Estt-I&Leg) Dept. dated 7.10.05.
- Govt. Lr.No.40755/05-3, Public(Estt-I&Leg) Dept. dated 21.10.2005.
- G.O.Ms.No.1012, Public(Estt-I&Leg) Dept. dated 20.09.06.
- 4. G.O.Ms.No.72, P&AR(ARIII)Dept. dated 20.3.2007.

I am directed to state that in the reference first cited, the Government have prescribed a fee for application under Right to Information Act, 2005 read with Tamil Nadu Right to Information (Fees) Rules, 2005. The Government also modified the mode of payment (Reduction of Rs.50/- to Rs.10/-) with extant procedures together with affixture of Court fees stamp etc. in the reference 3rd and 4th cited.

2. A new head of account has been opened for remittance of fee under this Act in the reference 2nd cited. However there is no specific head of account has been opened for refund of fee due to certain contingencies arising out of decision of Tamil Nadu Information Commission / Court paid by the information seeker under the Right to Information Act, 2005.

- 3. Further the Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission has sought a clarification on the refund of fee under Right to Information Act, 2005. The Government have examined the matter and have decided to open a new head of account for refund of fee to the information seeker under the Right to Information Act, 2005.
- 4. The following is the new head of account for refund of fee paid under the Right to Information Act, 2005:-

"0075.00.Miscellaneous General Services- 900- Deduct Refunds -AE -Refunds of fees under Right to Information Act,2005" [DPC 0075 00 900 AE 0005]

5. This letter issues with the concurrence of Finance Department.

Yours faithfully

for SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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The Secretary, TNPSC, Ch.2
The Secretary, TNIC, Ch.18.
The Finance Department, Ch.9