

Chapter 1

Introduction

The Right to Information Bill, 2005 was passed by the Houses of Parliament received the assent of the President of India on 15-6-2005 and it was published as Right to Information ACT, 2005 in the Gazette of India vide No.25 on 21-2-2005 and it has come into force with effect from 15-2-2005.

As per the Act, each public authority has to fulfill certain obligations before expiry of 100/12 days from the commencement of Act i.e. by 23-9-2005 / 12-10-2005.

Section 4 (1) (a) of the Act Casts an obligation on each public authority to maintain records. This section reads as follows:

“Maintain all its records duly catalogued and indexed in manner and the form which facilitates the right to information under this Act and ensure that all records that are appropriate to be computerized are, within a reasonable time and subject to availability of resources, computerized and connected through a network all over the country on different systems so that access to such records is facilitated”

Section 4 (1) (b) of the Act casts an obligation on each public authority to publish within expiry of 120 days from the commencement of the Act, manuals on the 17 items contained in Chapters 2 to 17 herein for easy access and understanding by Citizens, Civil Society Organizations, Public representatives, Officers and Employees of public authorities including Public Information Officers and Assistant Public Information Officer and Appellate Officers etc.

Application fee to accompany request for obtaining information.

A request for obtaining information under the sub-section (1) of section 6 shall be accompanied by an application fee by way of cash or by demand draft or by banker's 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 covers Rs.10/ - per application.

Fee to be charged for providing information

For providing information under Sub-section (1) or Sub-Section (5) of Section 7, a fee shall be charged by way of cash or demand draft or banker's cheque payable to the Accounts Officer or any other duly authorized officer of the Public Authority, against proper receipt at the following rates:-

A) Priced material:

Publications printed matter, text, maps, plans, floppies, CDs, Samples, models or material in any other form, which are priced the sale price thereof:-

B) Other than priced material:

- (i) material in printed or text for (in A4 or A3 size paper) Rs.2/- per each page per copy.
- (ii) Material in printed or text for in larger than A4 and A3 size paper - Actual cost thereof:
- (iii) Maps and plans - actual cost thereof:
- (iv) Information in electronic format, Viz., Floppy, CD or DVD
 - (a) rupees fifty for Floppy of 1.44 MB:
 - (b) rupees one hundred for CD of 700 MB: and
 - (c) rupees two hundred for DC (DVD)
- (v) Samples and models - Actual cost thereof:
- (vi) Inspection of records - no fee for the first hour: and a fee of rupees five for each fifteen minutes (or fraction thereof) thereafter:
- (vii) Material to be sent by post - the actual postal charges in addition to the charge payable as per these rules.

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT**

Right to Information Act,2005 (Central Act 22 of 2005) - Rules under section 27 of the Act – Issued.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (I&PR.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 454

Dated 13-10-2005.

Read the following: _

Right to Information Act, 2005 (Central Act 22 of 2005).

ORDER:

The following Notification shall be published in the Extraordinary issue of Andhra Pradesh Gazette dated.13.10.2005.

NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred by clauses (b) and (c) of sub-section (2) of section 27 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (Central Act 22 of 2005), Government of Andhra Pradesh hereby makes the following rules, namely;-

RULES

- 1 **Short title and commencement**
 - (i) These Rules may be called the Andhra Pradesh Right to Information (Regulation of fee and cost) Rules, 2005.
 - (ii) They shall come into force from the date of publication in the Official Gazette.
- 2 **Definitions**

In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires:-

 - (a) 'State' means, the State of Andhra Pradesh;
 - (b) 'Act' means, the Right to Information Act, 2005;
 - (c) 'Section' means, section of the Act;
 - (d) 'Commission' means, the State Information Commission, constituted under Section 15 (1) of the Act;
 - (e) All other words and expressions used herein but not defined and defined in the Act shall have the meanings assigned to them in the Act.
- 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;

4 **FEE TO BE CHARGED FOR PROVIDING INFORMATION**

For providing information under sub-section (1) or sub-section (5) of Section 7, a fee shall be charged, by way of cash or demand draft or bankers' Cheque, payable to the Accounts Officer or any other duly authorized officer of the Public Authority, against proper receipt, at the following rates:-

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(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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