

Central Information Commission  
Baba Gang Nath Marg,  
Munirka, New Delhi - 110067.

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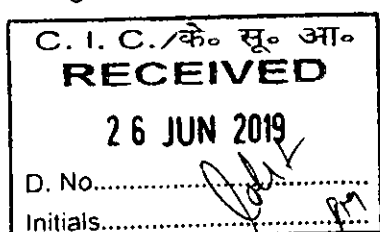
Name of the appellant : Shri Chandranshu Mehta,  
A-261, Sector-9,  
New Vijay Nagar,  
Ghaziabad (UP) - 201 009.

1.	Date of RTI application	14.05.2019
2.	Date of return of RTI application	24.05.2019
3.	CPIO(s) who returned the RTI application	CPIO, RTI Cell
4.	1 <sup>st</sup> Appeal Date	04.06.2019
5.	Diary No. of 1 <sup>st</sup> Appeal of the Dak Section	13787
6.	Diary date of the Dak Section	19.06.2019
7.	Diary date of 1 <sup>st</sup> Appeal in the office of FAA	24.06.2019
8.	Date of Decision	26.06.2019

**Decision with reasons:-**

The appellant is aggrieved that the RTI application addressed to Shri H.P. Sen, CPIO, CIC seeking information under the RTI Act enclosing therein a currency note of Rs.10/- towards the requisite fee was not accepted by Shri TBS Rajappa, CPIO, RTI Cell. The CPIO has pointed out the different modes of depositing the fee as mentioned in his letter dated 24.05.2019. One of the modes mentioned at para (a) by the letter of CPIO was in cash, to the public authority or to the CPIO of the public authority, against a proper receipt. The appellant's view is that since the currency note of Rs.10/- was enclosed with the RTI application, the CPIO should not have returned the RTI application along with enclosures.

2. As per Section 6(a) of the RTI Rules, 2012, fees under these rules may be paid in any of the following manner, namely:- *"in cash, to the public authority or to the Central Assistant Public Information Officer of the public authority, as the case may be, against a proper receipt;....."*. Therefore, it is clear that the responsibility is cast on the applicant to pay the cash under proper receipt and enclose the cash receipt thereof with his RTI application to seek information from the CPIO. Alternately, the other modes for the payment of fee for RTI which has been mentioned u/s 6(b) & (c) could have been availed of by the appellant. Therefore, the response as mentioned by the CPIO in his letter of 24.05.2019 is appropriate. Since the requisite fee has not been deposited as per the appropriate mode as prescribed in the RTI Rules, 2012, there is no obligation on the part of the CPIO to provide any information under the RTI Act.




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3. The appeal is, therefore, disposed of.


4. In case the appellant is aggrieved by the decision, he is free to file second appeal, if he so desires, before the Central Information Commission, Baba Gang Nath Marg, Munirka, New Delhi-110067 against this order within 90 days.

Dated the 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2019.

  
( Rakesh Kumar Singh )  
Additional Secretary & First Appellate Authority  
Tel: 26162290

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