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To
The Director(NATRSS)
All Addl. Central.P.F.Commissioner(Zones/Head Office)/CVO
All Regional.P.F.Commissioners(Regions)/Head Office
All Officer In-Charge(Sub-Regional Offices)
All Dy. Director(vigilance) (Zones)
All Officer In-Charge (ZTIs)

**Sub:- Clarification regarding acceptance of fees under RTI Act,2005-
regarding.**

Sir,

Mode of payment of fee under the RTI Act,2005 has been a subject of various interpretations. Instances have been observed where RTI applications have been returned on account of fee being made payable to 'Accounts officer' rather than the RPFC.

2. For clarification, rule 3 of the Right to Information (Regulation of Fee and Cost) Rules,2005 is reproduced as below:-

" 3. A request for obtaining information under sub-section(1) of section 6 shall be accompanied by an application fee of rupees ten by way of cash against proper receipt or by demand draft or bankers cheque (or Indian Postal Order) payable to the Accounts Officer of the public authority".

3. The Central Information Commission, while deciding appeal no. CIC/DS/A/2010/000421/SG has also adversely noticed this practice. It is needless to emphasise that practice of rejecting RTI applications on the ground that the fee is payable to 'account officer' is incorrect and contrary to law.

4. All the Officers discharging duties of CPIO/CAPIO are advised to adhere to fee requirements in accordance with the RTI Act, as further clarified by the Central Information Commission.

Yours faithfully,

Amit 9.5.2011
(Amit Vashist)

Regional P.F. Commissioner(PID)

Copy to:-RPFC(NDC), with request to update the relevant portion of the 'RTI Informaion Booklet' uploaded on the website as regards payment of fee.