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RTI-111/2011-IPR - 11642/OPR
Government of Orissa
Information & Public Relations Department

Loksampark Bhawan, Bhubaneswar

Dated: 29-9-11

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: - **Payment of application fee under the RTI Act by Demand Draft/
Indian Postal Order/ Money Order etc.**

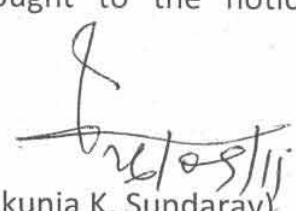
Ref: - Direction of the Orissa Information Commission passed in the
Complaint Case No.73/2008.

It is observed by the Nodal Department, RTI Implementation, Orissa that many of the Public Authorities still carry a misconception that Indian Postal Orders / Money Orders / Demand Drafts etc are not acceptable for payment of the RTI Application fee despite the clarification issued vide this Office Order No. 6468/IPR dated 18.02.2009 and Office Memorandum No. RTI-134/2009-IPR dated 14.07.2009.

2. Denial of access to information on the aforementioned ground has caused the filing of complaint cases/ 2nd Appeals before Hon'ble Orissa Information Commission. Many of the Public Information Officers have been cautioned to be careful while dealing with the RTI applications. Simultaneously, the Nodal Department has been directed to issue appropriate guidelines in this regard.

3. Hence, all the Public Authorities indentified under the Right to Information Act, 2005 in Orissa are hereby once again impressed upon to **accept Money Orders/ IPOs/ Bank Drafts etc as the application fee** along with the provisions as contained in the schedule of Orissa Right to Information (Amendment) Rules, 2006.

4. Contents of this OM may be brought to the notice of all concerned.



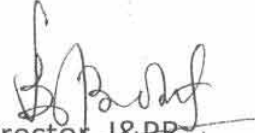
(Nikunja K. Sundaray)

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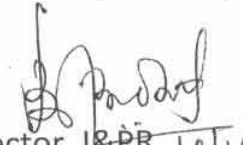
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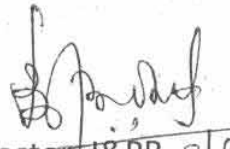
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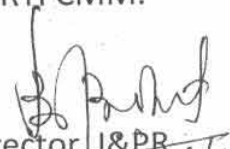
Copy forwarded to the Secretary to State Commission, Orissa Information Commission, Block B-1, Toshali Plaza, Satyanagar, Bhubaneswar apropos the order of Hon'ble Commission passed in the Complaint Case No.73/2008.


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Copy to Luminous Infoways, N-6/373, Nayapalli, Jayadev Vihar, Bhubaneswar, CSP to RTI Portal for publication in the RTI CMM.


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