

വിവരാവകാശ നിയമവുമായി ബന്ധപ്പെട്ട് പുറപ്പെടുവിച്ച ഫീസ് സംബന്ധിച്ച ചട്ടത്തിൽ മണി ഓർഡർ ഒരു അംഗീകൃത മാർഗമായി നിഷ്കർഷിച്ചിട്ടില്ലാത്തതിനാൽ പബ്ലിക് ഇൻഫർമേഷൻ ഓഫീസർ മണി ഓർഡർ നിരസിച്ചത് നിയമപരമാണെങ്കിലും വിവരാവകാശ നിയമം ഒരു user friendly നിയമമായതിനാൽ മണി ഓർഡർ സ്വീകരിക്കാമായിരുന്നു എന്ന് കമ്മീഷൻ നിരീക്ഷിച്ചു.

5. The Commission observed that the petitioner was asked to remit fees within 30 days of receipt of the RTI application. He should have remitted the fees as demanded by the SPIO. Money order is not the accepted mode of remittance of fees as per RTI rules issued by the Government. He can remit the fees either by cash in any of the offices of the KSEB or by Demand Draft or Bankers Cheque. But the SPIO could have accepted money order, as the RTI Act is an user-friendly Act. The SPIO is expected to render reasonable assistance to information seeker as per 5(3) of the RTI Act. At the same time Commission cannot consider his action as illegal.

6. Therefore the Commission order that the petitioner should remit the required fees by the accepted mode of remittance, and the SPIO should provide the copies of the bills requested by the petitioner within three days of remittance of fees. The petitioner if he desires so, can remit fee in any of the offices of KSEB in cash and send the cash receipt to the SPIO, to get the copies of bills required by him.

The complaint petition is disposed off, accordingly.

Dated this, the 22nd day of January, 2011.