



RTI application is accompanied by photocopy of Treasury Receipt for Rs. 10 dated 05.09.2013.

As no response was received from the PIO, a complaint was filed before the Commission on 25.10.2013 by the information seeker stating that his RTI application has not been responded to by the PIO within prescribed period and has accordingly requested the Commission to ensure that needful is done by the concerned without delay.

The Commission observed that on the face of it, the RTI application is not in accordance with Section 6(1) read with relevant rule as under:

As per Section 6 of the J&K RTI Act, 2009, any person who desires to obtain any information under the Act, shall make a request in writing ..... accompanying such fee as may be prescribed, to the PIO of the concerned authority. Further, J&K RTI Rules 2012 Chapter II para 3 issued under SRO 279, states that 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 to the public authority.

In the instant case, mode of payment of fee is in the shape of Treasury Receipt which is not in accordance with the J&K RTI Rules governing payment of such fee.

In view of above, PIO of the Bank is not under any obligation to respond to this application under J&K RTI Act, 2009 and accordingly complaint filed before the Commission is dismissed.

**Sd/-**  
**(Nazir Ahmed)**  
**State Information Commissioner**

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