NOTIFICATION

No. 724-PAR(AR)/O/3M-29/2005 Pt. VI-17th October, 2008.- In exercise of the power conferred by subsection (1), read with subsection (2), of section 27 of the Right to Information Act, 2005, the Governor is pleased hereby to make the following amendments in the West Bengal Right to Information Rules, 2006 (hereinafter referred to as the said rules) :-

Amendments

In the said rules,-

(1) rule 3 shall be renumbered as sub-rule (1) of rule 3,-

(a) in sub-rule (1) so renumbered, for the words “a court-fee of rupees ten,”, substitute the words, letters and brackets ‘a court-fee of rupees ten or a non-Judicial Stamp paper of rupees ten, or by Demand Draft or Bankers Cheques or Indian Postal Order, payable in favour of “(name of the link bank) a/c Government of West Bengal, RTI ACT”,’;

(b) after sub-rule (1), insert the following sub-rules :-

‘(2) An applicant while sending a request for information by e-mail shall deposit the application fee of rupees ten by Demand Draft or by Bankers Cheques or by Indian Postal Order, payable in favour of “(name of the link bank) a/c Government of West Bengal, RTI ACT”, mentioning the particulars of such deposit to the Public Information Officer in such e-mail and on receipt of said information, the Public Information Officer shall process such request for providing such information:

Provided that such information as sought for shall not be delivered to the applicant unless the requisite amount of application fee has been received by the Public Information Officer by Demand Draft or Bankers Cheques or Indian Postal Order, as the case may be.

(3) The Public Information Officer shall, after receiving Demand Draft or Bankers Cheques or Indian Postal Order under sub-rule (2), arrange to remit the fee to such authorised branches of the Public Bank linked with the Treasury as mentioned in Appendix 3 to the West Bengal Treasury Rules, 2005, by the next working day in T. R. Form No. 7 under the Head of Account and Head Code mentioned in column (1) and column (2) against serial Nos. 1 and 2 respectively, of the Table below :-
Provided that the applicant may deposit such application fee under the above head of accounts directly through the concerned bank linked with Treasury and shall produce the receipted challan to the Public Information Officer:’;

(2) rule 4 shall be renumbered as sub-rule (1) of rule 4, after sub-rule (1) so renumbered, insert the following sub-rules:-

‘(2) The fee as mentioned in clause (a) to clause (f) of sub-section (1) shall be deposited to the officer to be designated by the concerned Department of the State Government in this behalf, either by Demand Draft or Bankers Cheque or Indian Postal Order payable in favour of “(name of the link bank) a/c Government of West Bengal, RTI ACT”.

(3) The Public Information Officer shall, after receiving Demand Draft or Bankers Cheque or Indian Postal Order, as the case may be, as mentioned in sub-rule (2), arrange to remit the fee to such authorised branches of the Public Bank linked with the Treasury as mentioned in Appendix 3 to the West Bengal Treasury Rules, 2005, by the next working day in T. R. Form No. 7 under the Head of Account and Head Code mentioned in column (1) and column (2) against serial Nos. 1 and 2 respectively, of the Table below:-

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Provided that the applicant may deposit such fees under the above head of accounts directly through the concerned bank linked with the Treasury and shall produce the receipted challan to the Public Information Officer:’;

(3) In rule 5,-

(a) for clause (c), substitute the following clause :-

“(c) self-attested photocopy of the order of an officer to whom appeal has been preferred under subsection (1) of section 19 of the Act;”;

(b) for clause (d), substitute the following clause :-

“(d) gist of the information sought for;”;

(c) for clause (e), substitute the following clause :-

“(e) grounds for appeal and the relief sought for;”;

(d) omit clause (f);

(e) omit clause (g).

By order of the Governor,

(Sk. Nurul Haque)
Principal Secretary to the Government of West Bengal