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പകർപ്പിനുള്ള ഫീസ് കണക്കാക്കി 30 ദിവസത്തിനുള്ളിൽ അപേക്ഷകനെ അറിയിച്ചിരിക്കണം. സമയപരിധി ലംഘിക്കപ്പെട്ടാൽ വിവരം സൗജന്യമായി നൽകേണ്ടിവരും

5. The Commission observed that the RTI application was received by the public authority on 02.06.2010 but the intimation was despatched only on 04.07.2010. It clearly shows that the notice-demanding fee was not issued within 30 days of receipt of the RTI application. The SPIO is not entitled to claim fee after the expiry of 30 days. Hence the action of the then SPIO Smt. [redacted] (Head Clerk) tantamounts to violation of section 7(1) and 7(6) of the RTI Act. As the petitioner informed the Commission that he received the information requested after the intervention of the Commission, no further intervention is required. But the Commission observe that demanding fee after the expiry of 30 days and failure to provide the information within 30 days as stipulated u/s 7(1) of the RTI Act attract penal action under section 20(1) of the RTI Act.

6. Therefore the Commission order to issue notice u/s 20(1) of the RTI Act to the then SPIO Smt. [redacted] (Head Clerk), [redacted] Grama Panchayath, [redacted]. She should offer her explanation within seven days of receipt of the notice.

The complaint petition is disposed off, accordingly.

Dated this, the 12th day of November, 2010.