

സർക്കാർ വകുപ്പുകളിൽ സമർപ്പിക്കുന്ന അപേക്ഷയിൽ അപേക്ഷ ഫീസായി കോർട്ട് ഫീ സ്റ്റാമ്പ് പതിക്കാവുന്നതാണ്. എന്നാൽ സർക്കാർ വകുപ്പല്ലാത്ത പൊതു മേഖല സ്ഥാപനങ്ങളിൽ അപേക്ഷാ ഫീസായി കോർട്ട് ഫീ സ്റ്റാമ്പ് സ്വീകരിക്കണമെന്നില്ല.

He submitted that the application affixing court fee stamp was not accepted by the public authority and, hence, the requester/appellant was asked to remit the fee in cash or by D.D or cheque.

The Commission observed that the stand taken by the SPIO was correct. The Government had amended the Cost & Fee Rules 2006 and vide Erratum Notification No.29950/Cdn.5/2008/GAD dated 28.5.2008, the Government has clarified that the Sub Rule (a)(i) of rule 2 was amended as shown below: _

"Provided that in the case of public authorities other than the Govt. Departments, the fee" read "Provided that in the case of public authorities other than the Govt. Departments, the fee shall be remitted to the account of such public authority as provided in clause (c) and (d) ". From this it is very clear that the case of public authorities, other than Govt. Departments, the application fee should be remitted as shown in clause (c) & (d) of the Kerala RTI Regulation of Fee and Cost (Amendment) Rules 2007.

Hence there is no need of further intervention of the Commission and the appeal petition is dismissed.

Dated this the 19th day of March, 2010.