



CENTRAL INFORMATION COMMISSION

Baba Gang Nath Marg  
Munirka, New Delhi – 110067

CIC/PENALTY/2018/CR-II/66

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To

The CPIO

**Subject:- Monitoring of payment of penalty in time.**

The Right to Information Act, 2005 under section 20(1) empowers the Central Information Commission to impose a penalty of Rs. 250/- each day in cases of mala fide denial or delay in responses subject to the total amount of such penalty not exceeding Rs. 25000/-. Under this provision of the RTI Act 2005, this Commission has imposed penalties on various delinquent CPIOs of various amounts since the year 2006 onwards.

It has been noted that in a number of cases, penalty amounts levied during earlier years 2006 to 2017 have not been received till date despite repeated request/reminders to the concerned Public Authorities. In some cases the public authorities have intimated that either the concerned CPIOs have retired/shifted to the control of other public authorities or such persons are deceased and therefore the public authorities have shown inability to recover the amount from the CPIO. This clearly shows the callous attitude of the concerned Public Authority which resulted in non recovery of the penalty amount till date as ordered by the Commission.

All Public Authorities are requested to ensure that the entire penalty amount imposed by the Commission on the concerned CPIO/APIO is recovered by the concerned Public Authority before the erring CPIO/APIO retires/demits his office. Any lapses in this respect may lead to action against the concerned Public Authority under the RTI Act, 2005.

Receipt of this letter may be acknowledged.

Registrar, CIC  
New Delhi.