

No. 5/52/2016-1AR  
Government of Haryana  
Chief Secretary's Office  
Administrative Reforms Department

Dated Chandigarh the, 27<sup>th</sup> October, 2020

To

- (i) All the Administrative Secretaries to Govt. Haryana.  
(ii) All Heads of Departments in Haryana.  
(iii) All the Chief Administrators and Managing Directors of Boards/Corporations in Haryana.  
(iv) The Registrar General, Punjab & Haryana High Court.  
(v) All the Registrar of Universities in Haryana.

**Subject:- Recovery of penalty imposed under the provision of Right to Information Act, 2005.**

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to invite your attention to this Department letter of even number dated 02.08.2019 vide which instructions regarding recovery of penalty imposed under the provision of Right to Information Act, 2005 were issued. It was decided that in case the amount of penalty is not recovered from the concerned State Public Information Officer, the Drawing and Disbursing Officer will be held responsible for this lapse and strict action will be taken against him/her as per provision made in Haryana Civil Services (Punishment and Appeal) Rules, 2016. All the Drawing and Disbursing Officers were directed to recover the penalty amount imposed by State Information Commission, Haryana from the salary of the concerned State Public Information Officers and send a compliance report to Registrar, State Information Commission, Haryana.

It was also decided that controlling authorities may not issue Last Pay Certificate/No Dues Certificate to such SPIOs till he/she deposits the amount of outstanding penalty and to recover the amount of penalty out of pension from such officer/official who have retired without depositing the amount of penalty imposed under the RTI Act, 2005.

It has come to the notice of the Govt. that above, instructions are not being complied with seriously and the Govt. has taken serious note of it. Now, it is again reiterated that these instructions may be complied with, effectively otherwise strict view of the default will be taken.

This may kindly be noted by all concerned for its strict compliance.

Yours faithfully,

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(Santosh Kumari) 27/10/2020

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A copy is forwarded to Secretary, State Information Commission, SCO No. 70-71, (1<sup>st</sup> Floor), Sector 8-C, Chandigarh for information and necessary action.

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27/10/20

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o/c Under Secretary, Administrative Reforms,  
for Chief Secretary to Government, Haryana.