

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

Dated Chandigarh the, 02nd August, 2019

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's Notification No. 5/52/2016-1AR dated 03.07.2018 vide which Government had made amendment in rule 10 of Haryana Right to Information Rules, 2009 that Commission at the time of deciding any complaint/appeal may impose penalty on SPIO in accordance with the provisions of section 20 of the Act. The penalty order shall be conveyed by the Registrar to the controlling authority concerned for recovery of the penalty amount from the salary of the SPIO and for the deposit of this amount in the relevant head of account.

Now, it has come to the notice of the Government that despite efforts made by the Registrar of SIC and follow up with the Controlling Authorities concerned for recovery of the penalty amount from the salary of the State Public Information Officers, the pace of recovery is not encouraging.

Government has taken serious view of this lapse on part of the controlling authorities and 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 are directed to recover the penalty amount from the salary of the concerned State Public Information Officers and send a compliance report to Registrar, State Information Commission, Haryana.

It has also been 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.

You are also requested to recover the amount of penalty out of pension from such officer/official who have retired without deposing the amount of penalty imposed under the RTI Act, 2005.

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

Yours faithfully,

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2/8/19

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