

**MADRAS HIGH COURT
RIGHT TO INFORMATION
(REGULATION OF FEE AND COST)
RULES, 2007**

[R.O.C. No.2636-A/06/F1 - SRO C -3/2008]. - In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 28 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (Central Act 22 of 2005), the Chief Justice of the High Court of Madras hereby makes the following Rules :-

1. Short title and commencement. - (i) These rules may be called "Madras High Court Right to Information (Regulation of Fee and Cost) Rules, 2007".

¹ [(ii) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

2. Definitions. - In these Rules, unless the context otherwise requires, -

(a) "Act" means the Right to Information Act, 2005 (Central Act 22 of 2005).

(b) "section" means Section of the Act;

(c) all other words and expressions used in these Rules but not defined in the Act shall have the same meaning assigned to them in the Act.

3. Fees. - Every application for obtaining information under sub-section (1) of Section 6 of the Act shall be accompanied by an application fee of Rupees Ten.

² **[4. Charges.** - For providing the information under Sections 7(1) and (5) of the Act, the following charges are payable :-

1.R.O.C.No.2636-A/06/F1, SRO.No.C-3/2008, Published in T.N.Govt. Gazette No.20, dated 21.05.2008, Pt.III, S.2.

2. Substituted by High Court, Madras in R.O.C.No.3689/2013 (RTI), dated the 4th April 2014.

(a) the application requiring copy of records (except order / decree / judgment / documents on the judicial side) shall accompany, in addition to the application fee, a sum of Rupees 100 towards cost. If the actual cost of charges for information exceeds Rs.100, then the same would be intimated to the applicant and the copy of information would be furnished on payment of excess amount; and

(b) for information to be provided in a diskette or a floppy, a sum of Rs.50/-.

The Fees/charges payable under Rules 3 & 4 shall be paid either by Cash or Court Fee Stamp or Treasury Challan or Demand Draft/Postal Order drawn in favour of Public Information Officer, High Court, Madras /Public Information Officer, Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, Madurai, as the case may be, in respect of information/records to be obtained (except order / decree / judgment / documents on the judicial side).

Provided that, if the information sought by the applicant is in respect of copies of order / decree / judgment / documents on the judicial side under the control of the High Court / Subordinate Courts, he shall obtain such copies as per the procedure prescribed for obtaining certified copies in the Madras High Court Appellate Side Rules / Madras High Court Original Side Rules / Civil Rules of Practice / Criminal Rules of Practice, as the case may be, or any other Rule for the time being in force in that behalf. Copies of order / decree / judgment / documents on the judicial side will not be issued under the Right to Information Act.

5. (A) Appellate Authority under Section 19(1) of the Right to Information Act, at the Principal Seat of the Madras High Court and Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, Madurai and for the State Judiciary in the State of Tamil Nadu and Union Territory of Puducherry :

The Registrar - General, High Court, Madras.

(B) Public Information Officers at the Principal Seat of the Madras High Court and Madurai Bench of the Madras High Court, Madurai :

Sl.No.	Designation
1.	Registrar (Admn.), High Court, Madras.
2.	Registrar (Admn.), Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, Madurai.

(C) Assistant Public Information Officers at the Principal Seat of the Madras High Court and Madurai Bench of the Madras High Court, Madurai :

Sl.No.	Designation
1.	Deputy Registrar (RTI Act), High Court, Madras.
2.	Deputy Registrar (Admn.), Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, Madurai.

(D) Public Information Officers for Subordinate Courts :

Sl.No.	Designation
1.	Principal Judge, City Civil Court, Chennai.
2.	Chief Judge, Court of Small Causes, Chennai.
3.	Principal Judge, Family Court, Chennai.
4.	Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Egmore, Chennai.
¹ [5.	Administrator General and Official Trustee of Tamil Nadu, Chennai - 104. (AG & OT).

1. Inserted by High Court, Madras in R.O.C. No.976-A/2008/RTI, dated November 18, 2008 - Published in T.N.Govt. Gazette Part VI, S.1, Issue No.48, dated 10.12.2008.

Sl.No.	Designation
6.	The Presiding Officer, All Labour Courts.
7.	The Presiding Officer / Special Judge, Special Courts constituted under Various Acts.
8.	The Presiding Officer, Industrial Tribunal.
9.	The Chairman, State Transport Appellate Tribunal.
10.	The Chairman, Sales Tax Appellate Tribunal.
11.	Principal District Judges of every District, Chief Judge, Puducherry.
12.	Chief Judicial Magistrates of every District.

(E) Assistant Public Information Officer for Subordinate Courts :

Sl.No.	Designation
1.	Personal Assistant to the Principal Judge, City Civil Court, Chennai.
2.	Registrar, Court of Small Causes, Chennai.
3.	Sheristadar, Family Court, Chennai.
4.	Sheristadar, Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Egmore, Chennai.
5.	Personal Assistant to the Principal District Judges of every District.
6.	Sheristadar of Chief Judicial Magistrate Courts of every District.

The Appellate Authority, Public Information Officers and Assistant Public Information Officers will discharge the functions prescribed in the Right to Information Act, 2005, subject to the internal procedures laid down by the Honourable The Chief Justice of Madras High Court.
