



KERALA UNIVERSITY OF HEALTH SCIENCES

ABSTRACT

KUHS-Examination-Issue of photocopy of the evaluated Answer Books and Score sheets under RTI, 2005 – fee chargeable as per the provisions in RTI ACT 2005 – judgement of the Hon Supreme Court – implemented – Orders issued

EXAMINATION BRANCH

U.O.No : 84/2020/Exam general

Date : 12-10-2020

Read :- 1. Minutes of the 60th meeting of Governing Council Dt.25/07/2020

ORDER

University has been following the practice of issuing photocopies of evaluated Answer Books and Score sheets, after charging the prescribed fee, of Rs.555/- for the Answer Book and Rs.555/- for the score sheets of a particular Q P code.

Later, it has been experienced that some students were applying for copies of Answer Books and Score sheets under the Right to Information Act, 2005. University has been giving the copies of Answer Books etc under RTI applications by charging the same fee fixed under the suo moto service mentioned above. However, the fee chargeable under RTI is generally lesser (i.e. at a rate of Rs. 2/- per page of A4 size). The subject has been disputed not only in our University but also in other Examination conducting bodies such as ICSI, ICAI etc.

Now that, the issue has reached finality. The Supreme Court in ICSI vs. Paras Jain (SLP (C) 12692/2014) dated 15/07/2019, observed that " it is up to the candidate to choose either of the routes. Thus, if a candidate seeks information under the provisions of the Right to Information, then payment has to be sought under the rules therein."

In the light of the aforesaid observation of Hon. Supreme Court, Hon. Vice Chancellor has ordered that hereinafter, fee chargeable under RTI Act 2005 alone can be charged for applications under RTI. Accordingly, the matter was reported before the GC for its consideration.

The 60th meeting of Governing Council held on 25.07.2020 took note of the situation, vide paper read as (1) above.

Hence it is decided to charge only the fee applicable under RTI ACT 2005 for all applications received under the said ACT.

Orders are issued accordingly.



By order of the Vice Chancellor,

Sd/-

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