



Clarification

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CBSE is already complying with RTI rules for charging fee for photocopies of answer sheets

Recently certain media reports have been mis-representing facts and publishing news under titles such as “Dragged to court, CBSE clarifies fee for copy of answer sheets” , “Big relief for CBSE students: examination answer sheets to now be made available at Rs. 2 per page”, “Ready to provide copy of answer sheets to candidates at Rs. 2 per page: CBSE tells SC” .

It is therefore pertinent to clarify that CBSE is already complying with RTI rules for charging fee for photocopies of answer sheets. The order of Hon’ble Supreme Court of India dated 29.10.2018 is reproduced here for public information:

“it is stated that for furnishing photocopies of the answer-sheets fee as per the provisions of the Right to Information Act, 2005 and Rules is being charged whereas if re-verification/re-valuation/re-totalling/re-checking of the answer-sheets/scripts along with the photocopies thereof is sought fee as per the CBSE Regulations is charged”. Consequently all similar applications have been closed by the Hon’ble Supreme Court.

As the RTI Act does not stipulate re-evaluation/re/totalling of marks, the candidates who desire to have their answer sheets re-evaluated or their marks re-totalled have to go through a separate procedure which requires them to pay the fee as prescribed by the Board. Candidates who seek copies of answer sheets, under RTI Act are charged Rs. 2 per page and Rs. 10 as application fee mandated in the RTI Act. These are two separate processes and the board does not interlink them.

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