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# Supreme Court of India RTI Rules

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**Right to Information Act,**

**2005**

This Registry for the present is following the provisions of Right to Information Act, 2005 (22 of 2005) which is also available on the website of the Supreme Court of India.

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## Fees for obtaining Information

Rs.10/- either in cash or by way of Indian Postal Order or by Money Order or Demand Draft drawn in favour of Registrar/Accounts Officer, Supreme Court of India New Delhi.

<blockquote>Note : Court fee and cheques are not acceptable as the same are not valid mode as per rules.</blockquote>

## Downloads

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<script> (adsbygoogle = window.adsbygoogle || []).push({}); </script> </html> - [The Supreme Court Rules 1966 - RTI Act in Hindi](#) ===== External Links ===== - [Compliance under Section 4\(1\)\(b\) of Right to Information Act, 2005 - For Search and Downloading of Judgments. - For Search and Downloading of Daily Orders/Proceedings & Case Status i.e., "COURTNIC" - PIL Guidelines. - Supreme Court of India, Practice & Procedure, 'A Handbook of Information'. - Supreme Court Rules, 2013. - Institution, Disposal and Pendency of Cases.](#) ===== Analysis of Supreme Court RTI Rules and Procedure ===== - the applicant who sought this information in 2009 had to wait until 2014 just to get the Delhi High Court to rule that the SC may provide the information. Read the decision [here](#)! - On 10th November 2007, Subhash Chandra Agrawal filed an RTI request with the SC asking for information concerning declaration of assets by Supreme Court Judges, among other things. The PIO denied the request, claiming he did not hold the information. Agrawal filed a first appeal asking that his application may be transferred to the Public Authority holding the information. The Registrar asked the PIO to re-consider the request, but he denied the information again. Agrawal moved the Central Information Commission (CIC) which in January 2009, asked the PIO to furnish the information [PDF]. The SC challenged this order twice before the Delhi High Court (HC) even as it made some information about judges' assets public on its website, but the HC upheld the CIC's ruling. Read the decision [here](#)! - On 20th February 2008, Satnam Singh, a prisoner in Ludhiana's Central Jail sent a Right to Information (RTI) request to the Supreme Court (SC) asking for a copy of its guidelines on police reforms. The Public Information Officer (PIO) of the SC denied the request and referred Singh to the SC website. Singh filed a first appeal pointing out that as a prisoner, he had no access to a computer, and that, by not sending him the information, the SC was denying him his right. Hearing the appeal, the Registrar, SC too denied the request, now asking him to apply under the Supreme Court Rules 1966, instead of the RTI Act. - [The Supreme Court Rules 1966 Rule XII](#)











## ORDER XII

### INSPECTION, SEARCH, ETC.

1. Subject to the provisions of these rules, a party to any cause, appeal or matter who has appeared shall be allowed to search, inspect or get copies of all pleadings and other documents or records in the case, on payment of the prescribed fees and charges.

2. The Court, on the application of a person who is not a party to the case, appeal or matter, may on good cause shown, allow such person such search or inspection or to obtain such copies as is or are mentioned in the last preceding rule, on payment of the prescribed fees and charges.

3. A search or inspection under rule 1 or rule 2 during the pendency of a cause, appeal or matter, shall be allowed only in the presence of an officer of the Court and after twenty-four hours' notice in writing to the parties who have appeared, and copies of documents shall not be allowed to be taken, but notes of the search or inspection may be made.

4. Copies required under rule 1 or rule 2 may be certified as correct copies by the Registrar, Deputy Registrar, Assistant Registrar, or such other officer as may be authorised in that behalf by the Registrar.

5. An application may be made to the Registrar for the issue urgently of a copy of any judgment, decree or order of the Court or of any proceedings filed in the Court and upon the order being so made, the said copy shall be made ready and issued within seven days of the making of the application or such further time as the Registrar may specify.

6. No record or document filed in any cause, appeal or matter shall, without the leave of the Court, be taken out of the custody of the Court.

7. The Registrar may, in his discretion, permit any record to be sent to any Court, tribunal or other public authority on requisition received from such Court,

*Rules of the Supreme Court, the Delhi High Court and the Subordinate Courts - The Commission respectfully disagrees with the decision of the then Chief Information Commissioner that the PIO, Supreme Court may choose to deny the information sought under the RTI Act and ask an applicant to apply for information under Order XII of the SC Rules. [Supreme Court cannot deny information under RTI Act: CIC - The Supreme Court Still Adamantly Refuses to Yield to RTI](#)*

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