

The fee to be charged shall be reasonable and no such fee shall be charged from the persons who are of below poverty line.

However, where the CSIR establishment fails to comply with the time limits specified in Sub-Section (1), the person making request for the information shall be provided the information free of charge.

The relevant provisions of the Act towards charging fee are as under:

- 1) A request for obtaining information under Sub-Section (1) of Section 6 shall be accompanied by an application fee of Rs. 10/- by way of cash against proper receipt or by demand draft or bankers cheque payable to the Accounts Officer of the concerned CSIR establishment.
- 2) For providing the information under Sub-Section (1) of Section 7, the fee shall be charged by way of cash against proper receipt or by demand draft or bankers cheque payable to the Accounts Officer of the concerned CSIR establishment at the following rates:
 - a) Rupees two for each page (in A-4 or A-3 size paper) created or copied;
 - b) Actual charge or cost price of a copy in larger size paper;
 - c) Actual cost or price for samples or models; and
 - d) For inspection of records, no fee for the first hour; and a fee of rupees five for each subsequent hour (or fraction thereof).
- 3) For providing the information under Sub-Section (5) of Section 7, the fee shall be charged by way of cash against proper receipt or by demand draft or bankers cheque payable to the Accounts Officer of the concerned CSIR establishment at the following rates:
 - a) For information provided in diskette or floppy Rs. 50/- per diskette or floppy; and
 - b) For information provided in printed form at the price fixed for such publication or Rs. 2/- per page of photocopy for extracts from the publications