Public Information – Questions & Answers on RTI Act

1. What is 'Information' under the RTI Act, 2005?

Under the RTI Act, "information" refers to any material in any form, including records, documents, memos, e-mails, opinions, advices, press releases, circulars, orders, contracts, reports, samples, models, and data held in physical or electronic form. It also includes information held by or accessible to a public authority from a private body under any law.

2. What is a 'Public Authority'? Is NaBFID a Public Authority?

A public authority is any institution established by the Constitution, any law by Parliament or State Legislature, or by government notification, including bodies owned, controlled, or substantially financed by the government. NaBFID qualifies as a Public Authority under the RTI Act and is bound to provide information as per the provisions of the Act.

3. What is a Central Public Information Officer?

Public authority must designate some of its Officers as 'Central Public Information Officer (CPIO)' under section (5) of the RTI Act and the CPIO shall deal with the requests received from persons seeking information and render reasonable assistance to the persons seeking such information under purview of this Act..

4. How can I apply for information from NaBFID under the RTI Act?

You can apply by submitting a written request in English, Hindi, or the official language of your area, addressed to the CPIO, NaBFID, either physically or through electronic means.

Online through RTI Online Portal

There is no prescribed format, but the application should clearly mention:

- The information sought
- Applicant's full name and contact address
- Proof of RTI fee payment

5. What is the RTI Fee for submitting an application to NaBFID?

The application must be accompanied by an RTI fee of Rs. 10/-, payable via:

- Demand Draft / Bankers Cheque / Indian Postal Order in favour of "National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development", payable at Mumbai
- **Online** through RTI Online Portal **Note**: Fee exemptions apply to BPL (Below Poverty Line) applicants with valid proof.

6. Are BPL applicants required to pay any fee?

No. Applicants belonging to the BPL category are exempted from paying the application fee, provided they submit a valid BPL certificate/document.

7. Do I need to give any reason for seeking information?

No. The applicant is not required to provide any reason or justification for requesting information under the RTI Act.

8. What is the timeline for receiving information from NaBFID?

- 30 days from receipt of application (normal case)
- 48 hours if the information concerns life or liberty of a person
- +5 days if the application is forwarded through an Assistant Public Information Officer or sent to the wrong authority

9. What if the information is not received or the applicant is not satisfied?

You may file a First Appeal with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) of NaBFID within 30 days from the expiry of the response period or from receipt of unsatisfactory response.

10. Is there a Second Appeal mechanism under RTI?

Yes. If unsatisfied with the decision of the First Appellate Authority, you may file a Second Appeal with the Central Information Commission (CIC) within 90 days.

11. What is the fee for filing an appeal?

There is no fee for filing the First or Second Appeal under the RTI Act.

12. Can RTI Applications to NaBFID be filed online?

Yes. Applications and First Appeals for NaBFID can be filed online via the Central RTI Portal: https://rtionline.gov.in

Ensure the public authority selected is National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development.