

Chapter – 18 (Manual – 17) Other Useful Information

Frequently asked questions and their answers

- (i) Whom to contact for seeking information?

The office of the Hindu Religious Institutions has two units namely (a) Establishment Unit and (b) Temple Administration Unit. For any verbal information regarding the laid down procedures in matters associated with the said two units, may approach the Manager (Temples) and Executive Officer (Gr-II) respectively for guidance. For any other information connected with this public authority, the public may address their request letters with the gist of the subject on which information is required to the Public Information Officers listed in 'Chapter – 8'.

- (ii) How to join training classes in veda/devaram?

Training classes in Veda, Devaram and Nalayira Divya Prabantham required for divine worship/poojas are being conducted in Saivaite and Vainavaite temples to the eligible candidates by receiving applications from some of the important temples of Puducherry region. The application form for this is given in Annexure – 3 of Chapter-2. Interested candidates may apply in the prescribed format to the Commissioner.

- (iii) Collection of temple share.

Temple share is an amount payable by the temples towards cost of appointment/strengthening of administration. Based on the annual income of the temple the department assesses share amount. In order to ensure transcendental governance of the PHRI Act, 1972 by way of strengthening of administration of the Hindu Religious Institutions, temple share is being collected from temples coming under the purview of this department, under the provisions of the Act.

- (iv) How to apply for grant-in-aid/financial assistance provided under various schemes?

The temple authorities that want to receive aid under various schemes of this department may approach this department and know about the eligibility criteria and then apply in the prescribed forms with required documents. Sanctioning of aid is subject to the fulfillment of eligibility criteria under appropriate rules and to the fullest contentment of the competent authority.

- (v) What is the fee structure for getting information?

A request for obtaining information under sub-section (1) of section 6 shall be accompanied by an application, a fee of rupees ten (Rs.10/-) by way of cash against proper receipt or by demand draft or bankers cheque payable to the Public Information Officer, Department of Hindu Religious Institutions & Wakf, Puducherry.

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 Public Information Officer, Dept. of Hindu Religious Institutions & Wakf, Puducherry 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 large size paper;
- (c) Actual cost or price for samples or models;
- (d) For information provided in diskette or floppy rupees fifty per diskette or floppy; and
- (e) For information provided in printed form at the price fixed for such publication or rupees two per page of photocopy for extract from the publication.

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