

13th July, 2010

To,
Central Public Information Officer,
Copyright Division,
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Respected Sir,

Sub: Application under Section 6 of the Right to Information Act, 2005

You are requested to please consider the following as an application under the Right to Information Act, 2005 and reply appropriately to the queries raised below. The queries in this application pertain to the **appointment criteria** for the post of the Chairperson of the Copyright Board.

1. As per Section 11 of the Copyright Act, 1957, read along with Article 217(2) of the Constitution of India, is it necessary for the Chairperson of the Copyright Board to have been enrolled as an 'Advocate' as understood by the Advocates Act, 1961?
2. As per Section 11 of the Copyright Act, 1957 read along with Article 217(2) of the Constitution of India is it necessary for the Chairperson of the Copyright Board to have been a practicing advocate for a period of atleast 10 years before a High Court?
3. As per Section 11 of the Copyright Act, 1957, read along with Article 217(2) of the Constitution of India is it necessary for the Chairperson of the Copyright Board to have been below the age of 62 years at the time of his/her appointment?
4. What is the procedure by which the Central Government may remove the Chairperson of the Copyright Board from his post? In which enactment can this procedure be found?

Further as provided under Section 6 (3) of the Right to Information Act, in case this application does not fall under your authority, I request you to transfer the same in the designated time (5 days) to the concerned authority and inform me of the same immediately.

To the best of my knowledge the information sought does not fall within the restrictions contained in Section 8 and 9 of the Act and it pertains to your office.

A fee of Rs. 10 (Rupees Ten Only) has been deposited.

Warm Regards,

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