



No.10/5/(52)/2013-PG (RTI)

Government of India

Ministry of Power

Shram Shakti Bhawan, Rafi Marg, New Delhi – 110001

Telefax No. 23730264

Dated: 26th November, 2013

To,

Shri V.K.Sharma,
Advocate,
District Court,
Khammam District,
Andhra Pradesh

Sub: Information sought for under the Right to Information Act, 2005.

Sir,

Reference is invited to your application under provisions of RTI Act, 2005 addressed to CPIO, and Nodal Officer (RTI), M/o Power and received in PG Section on 15/11/2013 seeking information regarding Vemagiri Transmission Project.

The information requested in your application is available with PGCIL, Gurgaon and CEA, R.K.Puram, New Delhi for which your application is being transferred to them for further appropriate action.

Shri Ghanshyam Prasad, Director (PG) is the Appellate Authority, Ministry of Power, Shram Shakti Bhawan, Rafi Marg, New Dehli-110001.

Yours faithfully,

(Ajay Joshi)

Under Secretary (PG) & CPIO

Copy to

Nodal Officer, RTI, CEA, R.K. Puram, New Delhi along with copy of RTI application dated 15/11/2013 from Shri V.K.Sharma with the request that in terms of provisions of Sec 6(3) of the Act the aforesaid RTI application may be taken as transferred to provide available information to the applicant in terms of provision of the RTI Act.

✓ CPIO/ Nodal Officer, RTI, PGCIL, Gurgaon along with RTI application dated 15/11/2013 from Shri V.K.Sharma with the request that in terms of provisions of Sec 6(3) of the Act the aforesaid RTI application may be taken as transferred to provide available information to the applicant in terms of provision of the RTI Act.

CPIO & US (RTI), MOP wrt to Registration No. POWER/R/2013/60350.

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RTI REQUEST DETAILS

Registration No. : POWER/R/2013/60350 Date of Receipt : 15/11/2013

Type of Receipt : Online Receipt Language of Request : English

Name : VK Sharma Gender : Male

Address : Advocate, Distreit Court, Khammam, Andhra Pradesh

State : Andhra Pradesh Country : India

Phone No. : Details not provided Mobile No. : Details not provided

Email : vks.jitpl@gmail.com

Status(Rural/Urban) : Details not provided Education Status : Details not provided

Is Requester Below Poverty Line ? : No Citizenship Status : Indian

Amount Paid : 10 Mode of Payment : Payment Gateway

Mode(s) of information Supply : Hard Copy

Does it concern the life or Liberty of a Person ? : Details not provided. Request Pertains to : Ajay Joshi(PG)

Information Sought : Information regarding the vemagiri transmission project. Please provide the information required in scanned copies through e-mail. Any additional Fee required will be paid by me.

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Shri S. Venkateshwarlu, CPIO – Transmission
Shri Ajay Joshi, CPIO – PGCIL
Ministry of POWER
Shram Shakti Bhawan
New Delhi

Respected Sir,

PGCIL is a Public sector company and it involves public money viz. Government Equity. This RTI application has been made under section 2(h) of RTI Act 2005 and we requested to provide certified copies under section 2 (j) (ii) of RTI Act which can be further utilized as secondary evidence. This RTI application has been filed to the Ministry of power as the administrative control of PGCIL comes under this Ministry. The main issue is regarding the vemagiri transmission system which was dumped by PGCIL after bagging the project through aggressive bidding far less than industry norms citing the scarcity of gas. We filed this RTI application for collecting necessary information regarding the project with due diligence. We would like to refer the public documents available on their respective institutional websites like petition for regulatory approval (2011), CEA response to CERC, Newspaper article of Indian Express.

We came to know that the following system was granted approval by CERC in 2011:

1. Vemagiri Pooling Station – Khammam 765kV 2xD/c line
2. Khammam – Hyderabad 765kV 2xD/c line
3. Wardha – Jabalpur Pooling Station 765 kV D/c line
4. Establishment of 765/400kV GIS Pooling station at Vemagiri with 4x1500 MVA transformer
5. LILO of Gazuwaka – Vijayawada 400kV S/c line at Vemagiri Pooling Station
6. Establishment of 765/400kV GIS Pooling station at Khammam with 2x1500 MVA transformers
7. Establishment of 765/400kV GIS Pooling station at Hyderabad with 2x1500 MVA transformers
8. Hyderabad 765/400 kV S/s – Hyderabad (existing) 400 kV D/c (quad) line
9. Khammam 765/400 kV S/s – Khammam (existing) 400 kV D/c (quad) line
10. Hyderabad – Wardha 765 kV D/c line

Additional Strengthening

11. Khammam – Nagarjunasagar 400kV D/c line.

Out of the above, PGCIL bagged item no 1 above by participating in bidding. The remaining items are to be executed by PGCIL under normal tariff mechanism which is cost to project basis. It is requested to provide following information:

Give the details as mentioned below in tabular form:

Item/Element of above 11 elements	Date of Regulatory approval	pre-award Expenditure done as on date towards land acquisition / route alignment	Cost	Date of Investment approval by PGCIL Board	Schedule date of CoD as per investment approval	Present status of execution	Status of the execution after recent CERC order
Element 1							
Element 2							
Element 3							
Element 4							
Element 5							
Element 6							
Element 7							
Element 8							
Element 9							
Element 10							
Element 11							

What is the main purpose of planning and developing the above transmission project? Who are the beneficiaries?

what are the elements out of the above are scrapped by CERC or PGCIL have no intention for development as per the report submitted by CTU to CERC in view of lack of supply of gas?

How much expenditure done towards these items of the above which are scrapped by CERC or PGCIL have no intention for development as per the report submitted by CTU?

Latest details of generations granted LTOA, connectivity.

IPP Gas developer	IC	Connectivity	LTOA	TSA/BPTA signed details	BG submission details	Action taken after CERC order in respect of BPTA, BG, connectivity, LTOA	Details of BG, BPTA, Connectivity, LTOA of remaining developers after CERC order.
Developer 1							
Developer 2							
Developer 3							
Developer 4							
Developer 5							
Developer 6							
Developer 6							
Developer 7							
Developer 8							
Developer 9							
Developer 10							

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As we understood, if so, that the project was got approved from CERC for development on the basis of agreement to pay transmission charges by gas project developers. Therefore, any expenditure/damages for the PGCIL would be borne by gas developers only. Here, the question arises that the wastage of public money due to inefficient performance of public servants. Please also provide the information.

How much expenditure have been spent by PGCIL for participating in bidding, expenditure for getting licensee and expenditure towards the execution of the project etc.

Is there any mechanism for PGCIL to recover the expenditure towards the project or otherwise scrapped by CERC on account of default of gas project developers? If it is so, how much amount has been recovered?

As per the News Article and website information of CEA, the project is to be executed as soon as possible. Is there any technical reason which otherwise required for southern grid though gas generation would not materialize?

As reflected from divergent views of CEA and PGCIL, it is well understood that PGCIL could not execute the project at the quoted prices. Is there any separate team for participating in bidding and who is responsible for bidding at such lower prices as per industry norms?

Sir, it is requested that please provide the information as shown in above format and point wise replies which will be helpful further. Though most of the information is pertaining to PGCIL, We file this RTI application to Ministry of POWER as we require more Authentic Information. It is requested that the information be sent through e-mail as well as hardcopy.

Thanking You,

V K Sharma
Advocate
District Court,
Khammam District
Andhra Pradesh