## पावर ग्रिड कोपोंरशन ऑफ इंडिया लिमिटेड Power Grid Corporation of India Limited सूचना का अधिकार अभिनियम 2005 के अंतर्गत अपीलीय अधिकारी Appellate Authority under the RTI Act, 2005 केन्द्रीय कार्यालय, 'सौदामिनी', प्लाट नं.2, सैक्टर-29, गुडगांव, हरियाणा-122007 Corporate Centre, 'Saudamini', Plot No. 2, Sector-29, Gurgaon, Haryana-122007

Ref: C/CP/AA/RTI Act, 2005

Shri Jai Kishan Gupta 27-A Madan Park Punjabi Bagh New Delhi-110026

Appeal letter dated: 6th April, 2015

Public Authority: Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd., Corporate Centre, Gurgaon.

Respondents: 1. General Manager (CP) & CPIO, Corporate Centre, POWERGRID Gurgaon.

2. Addl. General Manager (HR), Corporate Centre, POWERGRID, Gurgaon.

Date: 8th May, 2015

3. Company Secretary, Corporate Centre, POWERGRID, Gurgaon.

## ORDER

## **Grounds of Appeal**

The Appellate Authority, Corporate Centre, POWERGRID has received an appeal dated 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2015(received on 9<sup>th</sup> April, 2015) from Shri Jai Kishan Gupta, under RTI Act, 2005. Earlier, an application dated 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2015 was filed by the applicant with the CPIO, Northern Region Transmission System-I, Katwaria Sarai, New Delhi, under RTI Act, 2005 to obtain following information in respect of 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> POWERGRID's Annual General Meetings:

- (i) Numbers of shareholders attended the AGMs.
- (ii) Snacks boxes purchased for distribution among shareholders.
- (iii) Details of Price and suppliers of snacks boxes.
- (iv) Numbers of coupons and price of purchased coupons.
- (v) Numbers of shareholders who could not be given snacks boxes besides they were given snacks coupons for exchange with snacks boxes.
- (vi) Number of snacks coupons given to shareholders after verifying their attendance slips.
- (vii) Action taken on letter dated 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2014 stated to be sent by the applicant to the Company Secretary.

CPIO vide letter dated 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2015 has provided the information sought to the applicant.

Subsequently the applicant filed the appeal before the Appellate Authority, Corporate Centre, stating that:

- Information provided by CPIO in respect of point (vi) i.e. no snacks coupons were given to shareholders is false & misleading.
- Letter dated 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2014 (point (vii)) was sent through speed post and the statement of CPIO that no such letter has been received by the Company Secretary is false & misleading.
- Against 29928 nos. shareholders who attended AGM, 33000 refreshment boxes were purchased. However, Refreshment boxes were exhausted at the counter, and 245 refreshment coupons are with the appellant. Who is responsible for this irregularity?

On receipt of the appeal, comments/opinion of the CPIO, Corporate Centre, Addl. General Manager (HR) and Company Secretory were sought and relevant papers perused. CPIO, Corporate Centre stated that the original request dated 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2015 was received by CPIO, NRTS-I, Katwaria, New Delhi and same was transferred to CPIO, Corporate Centre vide letter dated 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2015. CPIO further stated that after receipt of the request, same was forwarded to concerned departments and based on the inputs, information was provided to the applicant vide letter dated 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2015.

During the hearing of appeal, Company Secretary stated the following:

- Refreshment coupons were printed as counterfoil of Hall Entry Tickets. Valid Shareholders/ Proxies had to use Hall Entry ticket for attending AGM and its counterfoil for availing refreshment at the venue. Refreshment coupons were nontransferable and valid for refreshment at the AGM venue only.
- As per our record, letter dated 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2014, referred by the Applicant, has not been received in the department. Therefore, the information provided was neither false nor misleading.
- With regard to numbers of refreshment boxes purchased, refreshments for 30000 shareholders were arranged at the AGM venue. There was sufficient quantity of refreshments and all shareholders, who had presented the counterfoil of Hall Entry ticket, were given refreshment. Counterfoil for taking refreshment at venue were non transferable and valid for refreshment at the AGM venue only.

**Decision:** On going through the records and explanation given by CPIO, Corporate Centre, Addl. General Manager (HR) and Company Secretary, it is clear that all information as sought by the appellant has been provided by the CPIO. As such no action is called for on the part of Appellate Authority.

The appeal is accordingly disposed off.

Appellate Authority

To:

Shri Jai Kishan Gupta 27-A Madan Park Punjabi Bagh New Delhi-110026

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3. Company Secretary Corporate Centre, POWERGRID, Gurgaon