

पावर ग्रिड कोर्पोरेशन 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', प्लॉट नं.2, सैक्टर-29, गुडगांव, हरियाणा-122007  
Corporate Centre, 'Saudamini', Plot No. 2, Sector-29, Gurgaon, Haryana-122007

Ref: C/CP/AA/RTI/2016/287

Date: 9<sup>th</sup> September, 2016

Appellant: Shri Sanjay Dalmia, Jharkhand Small & Tiny, Industries Association, Shahid Ashram Road, B-Deoghar, Jharkhand, 814112

Appeal letter dated: 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2016

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

Respondents: 1. Executive Director (Contract Services), Corporate Centre, POWERGRID, Gurgaon.  
2. Dy. General Manager (CP) & CPIO, Corporate Centre, POWERGRID, Gurgaon.

**ORDER**

**Grounds of Appeal**

Appellate Authority, Corporate Centre, POWERGRID has received an appeal dated 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2016 from Shri Sanjay Dalmia, under RTI Act, 2005. Earlier, an application dated 28<sup>th</sup> January, 2016 was filed by the applicant with the CPIO, Corporate Centre, POWERGRID, Gurgaon, under RTI Act, 2005 on information regarding the following:

- POWERGRID vide letter No. CC/DDUGJY&IPDS/EMP dated 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2016 informed that M/s Hi-Tech Conductors had not been considered for empanelment.
- Marks secured by M/s Hi-Tech Conductors including full break-up and calculation mark-sheet.
- Details of name, address, phone & fax No. and e-mail ID of all the parties who have been considered for empanelment and marks, each one of them obtained.
- Copy of factory inspection report sent by the Inspecting team.
- Copy of notification No. 44/30/2015-RE dated 14<sup>th</sup> August, 2015 and all other notification/directions/Circulars etc issued by Ministry of Power regarding empanelment of suppliers for conductors and received by Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd.

The CPIO vide letter dated 9<sup>th</sup> May, 2016 furnished the reply/ information based on the inputs received from the concerned department. Subsequently the applicant vide letter dated 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2016 had filed the appeal before the Appellate Authority, Corporate Centre, stating that:

- The first round of empanelment of units manufacturing ACSR conductors, etc. is over and I have not asked any information regarding bidding and hence, the reply of CPIO is evasive and diversionary. Therefore, details of name, address, phone & fax No. and e-mail ID of all the parties who have been considered for empanelment and marks obtained by them may be provided.
- Every notification/circulars are available at sources, i.e. from issuer and these are also available with receiving authority. Notification/ circulars etc. including notification no. 44/30/2015-RE dated 14<sup>th</sup> August, 2015 are available in POWERGRID and same may be furnished.

On receipt of the appeal, comments/opinion of CPIO and concerned department were heard and relevant papers perused. CPIO stated that on receipt of the RTI request, information as provided by the concerned department regarding marks secured by M/s Hi-Tech Conductors including break-up and calculation sheet was provided to the applicant vide our letter dated 9<sup>th</sup> May, 2016. With regard to details of all the parties who have been considered for empanelment and marks obtained, it was informed by the Contract Services department that Bidding Process for the subject scheme is under progress and as such the desired information can only be processed when the bidding procedure is over. However, inspection report and marks obtained by M/s Hi-Tech Conductors was furnished to the appellant. Regarding copy of notifications issued by Ministry of Power, the applicant was informed that same may be obtained from the issuing authority as these notifications were not issued by POWERGRID.

With regard to details of empanelment of firms for Conductor, Contract Services department stated that the address, phone, fax no. and email-ID of such parties are available to POWERGRID in its fiduciary relationship with the participating firms and have no relationship to any public activity or interest. Therefore, same cannot be provided. However, names of the firms, who have been considered for empanelment for Conductor, can be furnished to the applicant.

Regarding marks secured by these firms, Contract Services department stated that empanelled firms have secured minimum 60 marks out of 100 against the specified marking Criteria. Contract Services department further stated that copy of the Ministry of Power Notification No: 44/30/2015-RE dated 14.08.2015-RE is already available in public domain. Nevertheless, a copy of the same can be shared with the appellant.

**Decision:** After going through the appeal and the submissions made by CPIO and Contract Services department, I am of the opinion that address, phone, fax no. and email-ID of the parties are third parties information and are available with POWERGRID in its fiduciary relationship with the participating firms and have no relationship to any public activity or interest. Further, there is no larger public interest involved in disclosure of the above information. Considering the above, I am inclined to agree with the submission of the Contract Services department that the information sought regarding phone no., fax no. and email-ID of the parties need not be disclosed as these are available with POWERGRID in its fiduciary relationship with the participating firms.

Considering the above, as submitted by the concerned department, CPIO is directed to collect the list of the name of the firms which have been considered for empanelment of conductor and the copy of notification no. 44/30/2015-RE dated 14<sup>th</sup> August, 2016 issued by Ministry of Power from the concerned department and same may be furnished to the appellant within 15 days from the issuance of this order.

The appeal is accordingly disposed off.

Yours sincerely,

  
**Appellate Authority**

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