



पावर ग्रिड कोर्पोरेशन ऑफ इंडिया लिमिटेड  
Power Grid Corporation of India Limited

सूचना का अधिकार अभिनियम 2005 के अंतर्गत केन्द्रीय लोक सूचना अधिकारी  
Central Public Information Officer under the RTI Act, 2005  
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Corporate Centre, 'Saudamini', Plot No. 2, Sector-29, Gurgaon, Haryana-122007



CP/RTI/2015/333

Date: 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2016

Shri Prem Prakash Prajapati  
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Sub: **Information under Right to Information Act, 2005 (Application No. 333 dated 17.03.2016.)**

Dear Mr. Prajapati,

This has reference to your online RTI request dated 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2016, under RTI Act, 2005.

The information sought is attached at **Annex-I**.

First Appeal, if any, against the reply of CPIO may be made to the first appellate Authority within 30 days of the receipt of the reply of CPIO. Details of Appellate Authority at Corporate Centre, Gurgaon, under RTI Act, 2005 is as below:

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Thanking you,

भवदीय,

सतीश  
5.4.16

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ANNEX-I

Reply to RTI enquiry dtd 17.03.2016

**Information sought:**

Asked one information as per following request. Kindly provide the copy of the document mentioning the ground on that basis, so far information has not been provided.

“Kindly refer your letter no. C/QA&I/VENUS Dt. 31.07.2015. In the last Para of this letter it is mentioned that “Third party laboratory accredited by an agency which operates in accordance with the requirements of ISO/IEC-11011, having full membership & MRA of ILAC/APLAC are acceptable to provide Testing/Calibration Services to POWERGRID”.

As per Quality Council of India and ILAC, membership of ILAC is voluntary, Even without membership of ILAC/APLAC an accreditation body can run accreditation programme is an economy Moreover, ILAC/APLAC are association of accreditation body. ILAC/APLAC are neither statutory nor any government supported association. Copies are enclosed.

Then kindly provide the copy of the document mentioning the ground on that basics ILAC/APLAC full membership, MRA condition has been made mandatory for an accreditation body.”

**Reply:**

Necessary records have already been repeatedly provided to the Requestor in reference to his RTI enquiry dated 04.08.2015, 15.01.2016 and reply to First Appeal under RTI act-2005 dtd 18.02.16. Copy of the requested document is attached once again for ready reference.

Further, it is again stressed here that all the information/documents which can be shared within the framework of RTI Act 2005, have already been provided to the requestor. It is, thus, again requested that the same query may not be repeated respecting the provisions of RTI Act.

Encl: as above



(RAJESH WADHWA)  
DGM(QA&I)

Part of the document requested is as follows:

Meaning of MRA:

- a. Accreditation allows you to make an informed decision when selecting a laboratory, as it demonstrates competence, impartiality and capability. Accreditation helps to underpin the credibility and performance of your goods and services. Accreditation bodies around the world, which have been evaluated by peers as competent, have signed an arrangement that enhances the acceptance of products and services across national borders. The purpose of this arrangement, the ILAC Mutual Recognition Arrangement (MRA), (often referred to as the ILAC Arrangement) is to create an international framework to support international trade through the removal of technical barriers.
- b. The ILAC MRA allows you to make use of a global network of testing and calibration laboratories that have been accredited to provide accurate and reliable results.
- c. The MRA supports international trade by promoting international confidence and acceptance of accredited laboratory data. Technical barriers to trade, such as the retesting of products each time they enter a new economy would be reduced.
- d. The MRA provides governments with a credible and technically robust framework on which to further develop and enhance government to government bilateral and multilateral international trade agreements. The long-term aim is the fully accepted use and recognition, by both public and private industries, of accredited laboratories, including results from accredited laboratories in other countries. In this way, the free-trade goal of "a product tested once, accepted everywhere" is realised.
- e. Acceptance of an accreditation body into the ILAC MRA is dependent upon being successfully evaluated by peers from other accreditation bodies in accordance with the relevant rules and procedures contained in ILAC publications. Each accreditation body that is a signatory to the ILAC MRA commits to:
  - i. Maintain conformity with the current version of ISO/IEC 17011 Conformity assessment – General requirements for bodies providing assessment and accreditation of conformity assessment bodies and supplementary requirements documents.
  - ii. Ensure that all laboratories that are accredited comply with appropriate laboratory standards (currently ISO/IEC 17025 General requirements for the competence of testing – Particular requirements for quality and competence).
- f. The ILAC MRA has been structured to build on existing and developing regional MRAs established around the world. Regional Cooperation Bodies, who are operating a regional MRA, coordinate peer evaluations and thereby maintain confidence in the accreditation bodies that are signatories to the regional MRA. In turn, each Regional Cooperation Body, that has been recognised by ILAC, must also abide by ILAC's procedures and requirements and undergo routine peer evaluations by members of another Regional Cooperation Body or ILAC. Currently, the European cooperation

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for Accreditation (EA), the Asia Pacific Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (APLAC) and the Inter-American Accreditation Cooperation (IAAC) are the only ILAC recognised regions. This means that the mutual recognition arrangements (MRAs) and evaluation procedures of EA, APLAC and IAAC have been peer evaluated by ILAC and deemed to be satisfactory. Recognised Regional Co-operations are re-evaluated on an on-going basis, over a 4 year period i.e. all aspects of the Regional Cooperation Body's operation must be evaluated at least once every 4 years.

#### Meaning of Affiliate member:

Accreditation bodies that are currently operating, being developed or intended to be developed for testing laboratories, calibration laboratories, inspection bodies, and/or other services as decided from time to time by the ILAC General Assembly Or in other words, which are still in the process of establishing their own systems can join as affiliate.

POWERGRID is Central Transmission Utility & transmission system operator for the complete Nation. Our substation equipment/transmission items are critical from point of view of operation, their functionality & directly linked with National safety/Grid reliability. POWERGRID is also in consultancy business, domestic as well as international, wherein acceptability of our test reports may also be required by national & international level customers. As risk involved related to accuracy of testing equipment is too high, we need to have a robust system of equipment testing as well as precise calibration of such testing equipment which gives us confidence to accept equipment/items conforming to our technical requirements/relevant standards. This becomes even more pronounced when equipment/item testing and calibrated testing equipment pertains to laboratories or factories (where such testing is carried out), not directly in the control of POWERGRID. Calibration of testing equipment is lifeline of accuracy & critical activity as part of quality checking.

Looking into the credentials of an agency with full membership of ILAC/APLAC /with signed MRA and essence of core business of POWERGRID, the following is recommended:

- MQP/FQP/TS of POWERGRID may be revised as "Third Party Labs where testing is to be carried out should be accredited by an agency having full membership & MRA of ILAC /APLAC with up to date validity. Similarly for calibration of testing equipment, it may be revised to "Calibration of Testing instrument should be carried out in a Lab which is accredited by an agency having full membership & MRA of ILAC /APLAC with up to date validity.

