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## Power Grid Corporation of India Limited सुचना का अधिकार अभिनियम 2005 के अंतर्गत अपीलीय अधिकारी

# Appellate Authority under the RTI Act, 2005

केन्द्रीय कार्यालय, 'सौदामिनी', प्लाट नं.2, सैक्टर-29, गूडगांव, हरियाणा-122007

Corporate Centre, 'Saudamini', Plot No. 2, Sector-29, Gurgaon, Haryana-122007

Ref: C/CP/AA/RTI/2016/93/07

Date: 9th September, 2016

Appellant:

Shri Arvind Kumar, 1494, sector-28, Faridabad, Haryana-121008

Appeal letter dated: 14th July, 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 14th July, 2016 from Shri Arvind Kumar, under RTI Act, 2005. Earlier, an application dated 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2016 was filed by the applicant with the CPIO, Corporate Centre, POWERGRID, Gurgaon, under RTI Act, 2005 to obtain the following information regarding empanelment of transformer manufacturer for supply of DTRs under Deen Dayal Upadhya Scheme of Electrification:

- (i) Basis on which the eligibility criteria was firmed for empanelment of transformer manufacturers for supply of DTRs.
- (ii) Measures taken in the process of empanelment of transformers to promote micro/mini/small and new enterprises etc.
- (iii) Role of POWERGRID in the Implementation of Deen Dayal Upadhya Scheme and why the criterion for empanelment has been firmed up by POWERGRID?
- (iv) List of empanelled transformers manufacturers with their names and turnovers of last three years.

The CPIO vide letter dated 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2016 furnished the point wise reply/ information to the applicant as below:

Under its initiative to facilitate states in mobilization of quantity equipment/ materials at competitive prices under DDUGJY/IPDS, Ministry of Power vide notification dated 14th August 2015, has constituted two committees namely Committee 'A' and Committee 'B' with their respective defined terms and references. Technical specification was finalized by Committee A whereas bidding documents including qualifications requirements was finalized by Committee B after deliberations in various meetings. It was also informed that complete "Request for Empanelment" document including stipulations there are also available in public domain and can be accessed from POWERGRID website and also from CPP Portal (eprcure.gov.in).

- (ii) The subject process is for and on behalf of states, therefore, committees are thus only facilitating state utilities in mobilization of quantity equipment/ materials at competitive prices under DDUGJY/IPDS scheme. To effect the same, up to price discovery, for different items are undertaken by committee B which is further communicated to state utilities for taking any further action in this regard. The complete 'Request for Empanelment' document including stipulations therein are available in public domain and can be accessed from POWERGRID's website (<a href="www.powergridindia.com">www.powergridindia.com</a>) or CPP portal (eprocure.gov.in).
- (iii) POWERGRID, as authorized, is carrying out the activities for and on behalf of State Utilities.
- (iv) Procurement process under the subject schemes has been envisaged to be carried out in various tranche. The bidding process for Tranche-1 has been completed in May'16 however, other activities inter-alia placement of rate contract is still under process and disclosure of which could jeopardize the commercial interest of all stake holders.

The applicant not satisfied with the reply provided, has filed the appeal before the Appellate Authority, Corporate Centre vide letter dated 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2016, stating that the reply is unsatisfactory, irrelevant and up to the point reply may be re-send.

On receipt of the appeal, comments/opinion of CPIO and concerned department was heard and relevant papers perused. CPIO stated that on receipt of the RTI request, desired information was sought from concerned department. Based on the inputs from concerned department, point wise reply / information was provided to the applicant vide letter dated 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2016.

With regards to the above, concerned department reiterated that reply furnished to the applicant was relevant, up to the mark and to the point, moreover the name of the empaneled transformer manufacturer for DT's which was not provided earlier, can be shared.

**Decision:** After going through the appeal and the submissions made by the CPIO and Contract Services Department, I understand that reply/information to queries from point Nos. (i) to (iii), raised by the applicant has already been furnished along with relevant references to information sources. However, the list of the empanelled transformer manufacturers which was not provided earlier can be shared with the applicant as submitted by the concerned department.

Accordingly, as submitted by Contract department, CPIO is directed to collect the list of the name of the transformer manufacturers, who have been considered for empanelment for supply of DTs 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

To: Shri Arvind Kumar 1494, sector-28

Faridabad, Haryana-121008

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