



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
केन्द्रीय कार्यालय, 'सौदामिनी', प्लॉट नं.2, सेक्टर-29, गुडगांव, हरियाणा-122007
Corporate Centre, 'Saudamini', Plot No. 2, Sector-29, Gurgaon, Haryana-122007

CP/RTI/2017/21

Date: 24th April, 2017

Shri Mohit Singh,
Vill – Bhikhepur,
Post – Bhikhepur,
Distt – Auraiya – 206129
Uttar Pradesh.

Sub: Information under Right to Information Act, 2005.

Dear Sir,

This has reference to your online RTI request on 12th April, 2017, seeking information under RTI Act, 2005.

The information sought is attached as **Annexure-I**. In regard to Point No. 3 of your request, it is informed that there are no fatal side effects of the transmission lines on organisms and vegetation as per available information.

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,

(अजय होलानी)

अपर महाप्रबंधक (के.आ.) एवं के.लो.सू.अधिकारी

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Encl: As above

1. Kindly provide me the guidelines for payment of compensation towards damages in regards to tower base area (Between four legs), RoW corridor and crop and tree damage due to laying of 400 kV/500 kV /765 kV transmission line in India.

➤ Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (POWERGRID) is a Government of India enterprise engaged in the business of bulk power transmission and associated activities. It is a designated "Central Transmission Utility" (CTU) under section 38 of the Electricity Act, 2003. Being a CTU, it is also a "Deemed Transmission Licensee" under section 14 of the said Act. The provisions stipulated in section 67-68 of the said act read with section 10 & 16 of the "Indian Telegraph Act, 1885" governs the compensation as POWERGRID has been vested with the powers of Telegraph Authority vide MOP's Gazette Notification dated 24.12.03 under section 164 of the Electricity Act,2003.

➤ Ministry of Power has issued guidelines for payment of compensation towards damages in regard to Right of Way for transmission lines on Oct.15, 2015. The said guidelines is available on the following link:

http://powermin.nic.in/sites/default/files/uploads/Guidelines_for_payment_of_compensation_towards_damages_in_regard.pdf

Point No. 4 of above guidelines stipulates States have to adopt and issue necessary direction for its implementation.

2. **How and when the fixed compensation amount will be received by the Land Lord.**

➤ Before start of construction work, a notice is served to the land owners informing them that the proposed transmission line is being routed through the property of the individual. The notice shall contain the particulars of the land, ownership details and the details of the trees/crops likely to be damaged during the course of the construction of the proposed Transmission Line and Acknowledgement is received from the land owners. The revenue/POWERGRID officials after verification of the documents related to the proof of ownership prepare a detailed report for the identified trees and crops damaged during the course of the construction. For assessing the true value of timber yielding trees, help of forest officials is taken and for fruit bearing trees, help of Horticulture department is taken. Once the tree/crop is removed / damaged, POWERGRID issues tree cutting/crop damaged notice to the land owner with a copy to the Revenue Officer to process the compensation payment. Based on the above the compensation payment is prepared for this purpose. On approval of compensation, POWERGRID arrange payment by way of Demand Draft/Cheques to the affected parties. The payment is disbursed at the local village office after due verification of the documents in presence of other witnesses. The same process is applied during erection and stringing, if damages are caused in such stages also.

3. What the Ministry of power policies regarding the fatal side effects of the transmission lines on organisms and vegetation.

➤ Nil (May be elaborated by CC Engg.)

4. Kindly provide detailed information of compensation made by Ministry of Power towards-

(a) Tower base area (between four legs) impacted severely due to installation of tower/ pylon structure.

(b) Diminution of land value in the width of right of way corridor due to laying of transmission line.

(c) Crop and tree damage
in the year 2016-17.

➤ For (a) and (b), As brought out above in answer 1 that for compensation towards tower base and corridor, the State Govt has to adopt the MoP guidelines and issue notification for its implementation. As per the information available till date only 5 states viz. Gujarat, Chhattisgarh, Kerala, Karnataka and Assam have adopted MoP guidelines and lines constructed in such states are being compensated as per the provisions of MoP guidelines. However, the amount disbursed in such states is not readily available presently.

➤ For (c), It may please be noted that establishments of POWERGRID are spread all over the length and breadth of the country and its various operations/functions are being carried out in a decentralized manner, and records are maintained at respective site offices. For compilation of such voluminous information, a considerable amount of resources are required to be deployed which would disproportionately divert the resources of Public authority.