



सूचना
का अधिकार

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



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PGCIL/R/2019/50071

Dated : 5 February, 2019

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Kukatpally-560072 Andhra Pradesh

Sub: Information under Right to Information Act, 2005.

Sir/Madam,

This has reference to your RTI request dated 4 February, 2019 for providing information under RTI Act, 2005.

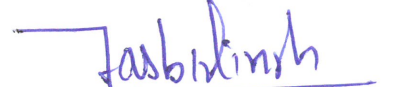
The desired information is attached at **Annexure-I**.

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:

Shri Sanjeev Singh,
Executive Director (CMG) & Appellate Authority
Corporate Centre, Power Grid Corporation of India Limited
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Thanking you,

भवदीय,


(जसबीर सिंह) 6/2/19.

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Reply to RTI Query of Sh Srinivasa Rao is as given below:

Query:

Kindly provide the process while selecting the Transmission line Route Alignments sited 10-15 km away from major towns. If not possible to select the transmission line 10-15 km away from major towns, please let us know process on land compensation within 10-15 km from major towns.

Reply:

- The most important criteria for finalizing the route is location of the generating station and load centres which are to be interconnected for transfer of energy. Keeping that in view while identifying the transmission system, preliminary route selection is done by POWERGRID based on the Survey of India Topo sheets, Forest Atlas (Govt. of India's Publication) and Google Maps etc. During route alignment all possible efforts are made to avoid the forest involvement completely or to keep it to the barest minimum, whenever it becomes unavoidable due to the geography of terrain or heavy cost involved in avoiding it. While finalizing the route, POWERGRID follows the principal of Avoidance, Minimization and Mitigation. Three alternative route analysis is done while finalizing the route. The route involves minimum environment constraints and other constraints is finalized for final survey. Following criteria are taken into consideration for selection of optimum route to the extent possible:
 - The proposed transmission line bypasses human habitation.
 - No monuments of cultural or historical significance are affected.
 - The proposed transmission line does not adversely impact any local community assets such as playgrounds, schools, places of worship etc.
 - A transmission line avoids environmentally sensitive areas, eco-sensitive zones, forests, sanctuaries, national parks, tiger / biosphere reserves, and CRZ covered coastal areas
 - The line route impacts minimally on natural resources.

It is always our endeavour to finalize route of given transmission line 10-15 Km away to take care of expansion of town in future. However with the pace cities and towns are expanding implementation of such criteria in some cases could not be achieved due to location constraints.

- With regard to process of land compensation within 10-15 km from major towns, it is to inform that land for transmission line i.e. for tower base and corridor are not acquired and ownership of land remains with the owner and is allowed to continue cultivation after construction. As per the provisions of Electricity Act, 2003 and Indian Telegraph Act, 1885, only the damages (without acquisition of subject land) accrued to person while placing the tower and line are to be compensated after due assessment by local revenue authorities.
- Considering the impact on land, Ministry of Power (MoP) has come out with compensation guideline on 15th Oct 2015, which is available on the following link:

[http://powermin.nic.in/sites/default/files/uploads/Guidelines for payment of compensation towards damages in regard.pdf](http://powermin.nic.in/sites/default/files/uploads/Guidelines%20for%20payment%20of%20compensation%20towards%20damages%20in%20regard.pdf)

As per point No. 4 of the said guidelines it is to be adopted by the respective States/ UTs and appropriate direction/ order to be issued for its implementation. As per the information available till date, only 13 states have adopted said guidelines till date.

- Further another committee has been constituted by MoP to consider various technical measure as well as compensation issue of transmission line in urban areas to reduce RoW impact. The report for which has not yet been finalized.