

पावर ग्रिड कारपोरेशन ऑफ इंडिया लिमिटेड
POWER GRID CORPORATION OF INDIA LIMITED
सूचना का अधिकार अधिनियम 2005 के अंतर्गत आपीलीय अधिकारी
APPELLATE AUTHORITY UNDER THE RTI ACT, 2005
केन्द्रीय कार्यालय, 'सौदामिनी', प्लॉट नं.2, सैक्टर- 29, गुड़गांव,
हरियाणा-122001
CORPORATE CENTRE, 'SAUDAMINI', PLOT No.2, SECTOR-29, GURGAON,
HARYANA- 122001

Ref: C/CP/AA/RTI Act, 2005

Date: 2nd July, 2019

Appellant: Ms. Vasuvita Singh, R/O E-84, South Extension-I, Delhi,
Pin:110049

Public Authority: POWERGRID

Respondent: Sr. GM (CP) & CPIO, Corporate Centre, POWERGRID, Gurgaon.
ED (CP), Corporate Centre, POWERGRID, Gurgaon
ED (Fin), Corporate Centre, POWERGRID, Gurgaon

ORDER

Grounds of Appeal

The Appellate Authority has received an online Appeal PGCIL/A/2019/60041 dated 30th May 2019 from Ms. Vasuvita Singh. Earlier, the appellant herein had filed an online RTI application bearing number PGCIL/R/2019/50183, dated 23rd April 2019, with the CPIO Corporate Centre, POWERGRID, seeking following information regarding credit rating agencies:

- (a) Copy of RFPs floated for credit ratings, bids received and contract awards for each year from 1 Jan 2010 to 15 April 2019
- (b) Copy of engagement letter and rating contracts with ratings agencies awarded since 1 January 2010 to 15 April 2019.

The instant appeal has been filed by the appellant on the ground that CPIO has refused to provide the information sought. On receipt of the appeal, relevant papers and information provided by the CPIO vide letter dated 20th May 2019 were perused.

Decision:

I have seen the letter dated May 20th 2019; vide which the information was provided to the appellant. The main contention of the appellant is that the information related to the engagement letter and rating contracts has not been provided to her. It was informed by CPIO that a written notice was also issued to third parties i.e. various credit rating agencies seeking their submissions regarding disclosure of the information related to engagement letter and rating contracts as envisaged under section 11 (1) of the Act.

The agencies in unequivocal terms have replied that no information related to engagement letter and rating contracts be shared with any third party as the information is confidential and sensitive in nature. As per Section 11(1), CPIO has to take into account the submissions made by the third parties, while taking a decision on disclosure of information.

In the instant case the CPIO has denied the information citing section 8 (1) (d) as the information was given to POWERGRID in commercial confidence and its disclosure would harm the competitive position of a third party.

The Appeal is accordingly disposed of.


(Sanjeev Singh)

ED (CMG) & Appellate Authority

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