

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: 17th July, 2019

Appellant: Sh. Harsh Vardhan Pathak, R/O MIG 99, Indranagar, Near Solah Sagar, Agar road, Ujjain, Pin:456001

Public Authority: POWERGRID

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

ORDER

Grounds of Appeal

The Appellate Authority has received an online Appeal PGCIL/A/2019/60045 dated 19th June 2019 from Sh. Harsh Vardhan Pathak. Earlier, Shri Pathak, the appellant herein had filed an online RTI application bearing number PGCIL/R/2019/50213, dated 18th May 2019, with the CPIO Corporate Centre, POWERGRID, seeking information related to Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for registering as a Company or individual Contractor in POWERGRID and for E-Tendering / Tendering process in POWERGRID. The instant appeal has been preferred by the appellant on the ground that CPIO has not provided the Information as requested.

On receipt of the appeal, relevant papers and information provided by the CPIO were perused. It was informed by the CPIO that response to the RTI application was sent vide letter dated 28th May 2019.

Decision:

I have perused the relevant papers and letter dated 28th May 2019, vide which the information was provided to the appellant herein. It can be noticed that vide aforementioned letter the appellant was informed that as far as criteria such as eligibility, procedure for registration on e-portal are concerned the same are spelt out clearly when POWERGRID invites bids from bidders. Further, it was also informed that the details of tenders floated may be taken from Central Public Procurement Portal, e –portal and from the official website of POWERGRID.

The appellant has preferred the instant appeal on following grounds;

- a) The information provided by the CPIO is not complete and adequate.
- b) The information sought by him is not available on the website.

It is noteworthy that the appellant in his appeal has desired that the appellate authority may describe the process while providing the information. Though as per the Act, there is no provision for providing description or explanation however, keeping in mind the obligations of public authorities as provided under section 4 of the Act, the request of the appellant is acceded to. As per the policy and procedure in vogue, POWERGRID generally invites bids under open competitive bidding, wherein; any bidder can download bidding documents of a particular tender and participate in its bidding process. Further, in cases, where empanelment of vendors is done as per the requirement, the request for empanelment (RfE) is also published through an open advertisement. As such, no separate registration is required for participation under such tenders/ empanelment. The bidding documents in the respective tenders clearly stipulate the criteria like eligibility, procedure for registration on e-portal etc. The invitation for Bids (IFB) and instructions to bidder (ITB) contained in the bidding document

of a tender gives information including information related to registration on e-portal on which tendering for a particular procurement is to be carried out. The appellant may access the tender documents against a particular tender in "Search Tenders" Tab in "Tenders" Tab on official website of POWERGRID <http://www.powergridindia.com>. In addition to this bidder can also access details from Central Public Procurement Portal (CPPP).

The Appeal is accordingly disposed of.



(Sanjeev Singh)

ED (CMG) & Appellate Authority

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