RTI Appeal No.: Postal Appeal 26/2019

पावर ग्रिंड 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', प्लाट 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: 23rd October, 2019

Appellant:

Sh. Kanchan Kumar, R/o Village Ashok Nagar, PO -Nolakhi,

Bhaya: Murliganj, Purniya, Bihar, PIN CODE -852122

Public Authority: POWERGRID

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

Dy. CVO, Corporate Centre, POWERGRID, Gurgaon

ORDER

Grounds of Appeal

The Appellate Authority has received a Postal appeal dated 25th September 2019 from appellant Sh. Kanchan Kumar. The appellant has filed the instant appeal on the ground that the information received by him has neither been signed nor stamped by the CPIO. Further, it has been contended by the appellant that the CPIO has not provided the true copy of the investigation report to him which he had sought vide his RTI application dated 20th August 2019. Earlier, the appellant herein had filed an application dated 20th August 2019, with the CPIO Corporate Centre, POWERGRID seeking information regarding a complaint filed by him in CVC on 16th June 2018, which was forwarded to CVO, POWERGRID, vide letter bearing no. 39546/2016 dated 19th July 2016.

On receipt of the Appeal, the details were sought from the CPIO. CPIO informed that the details have been provided to the appellant vide letter dated 11th September, 2019.

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Decision

The appellant has acknowledged vide his appeal dated 25th September 2019, that he had received the information vide letter dated 11th September 2019, however, the same was not authenticated by anyone. In my considered opinion the information provided to the appellant should have been authenticated by the concerned. In view of the same CPIO is hereby directed to provide the information to the appellant after proper authentication within seven days of this order.

As far as second grievance of the appellant regarding non supply of investigation report in respect of the complaint filed by him in CVC is concerned it has been informed by the CPIO that the investigations in the said case has been completed and case has been closed with the approval of the competent authority. Further, per CPIO the copy of the same cannot be shared with the appellant as the report contains certain personal information of certain individuals which falls within the realm of personal information and its disclosure has no relationship with any public activity or interest and the same may cause unwarranted invasion of the privacy of those individuals.

In my opinion any information which falls within the realm of personal information cannot be given as the same has been exempted from disclosure under section 8(1) (j) of the Act. This being the mandate under the Act, the request of the appellant cannot be acceded to and the information cannot be provided.

The Appeal is accordingly disposed of.

(Sanjee√ Singh) ED (CMG) & Appellate Authority

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