

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

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

Date:29th May, 2020

Appellant: Sh. Sh. Mayur Behara, R/o 300, AMBIKA PARK SOCIETY, NEAR
RAMI PARK SOCIETY, DINDOLI, SURAT, GUJARAT, 394210

Public Authority: POWERGRID

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

ORDER

Grounds of Appeal

The Appellate Authority has received an online Appeal bearing number PGCIL/A/E/20/00011, dated 16th March 20 from Sh. Mayur Behra. Earlier, the appellant herein had filed an online RTI application bearing number PGCIL/R/T/20/00006, dated 5th February 2020, with the CPIO Corporate Centre, seeking certain information including related to recognition of degrees obtained through Online Distance Learning (ODL) mode in POWERGRID in terms of the various orders/ directions issued by the Ministry and UGC. The instant appeal has been filed by the appellant on the ground that CPIO has not provided the requisite information to him.

Decision:

On receipt of the appeal, relevant papers and information provided by the CPIO vide letter dated 9th March 2020 were perused. The appellant herein is seeking certain information related to implementation of various office memorandums, notifications issued by Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) and University Grants Commission (UGC), pertaining to degrees obtained through ODL mode.

It is pertinent to mention that vide its letter dated 9th March 2020, the CPIO, denied the information on the ground that the information sought does not fall within the definition of information as provided under section 2 (f) of the Right to Information Act.


In my considered opinion the information sought squarely falls within the definition of information as provided under the Act, as memos, circulars fall within the ambit of definition of information. Therefore, the information related to implementation of various office memorandums, notifications issued by Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) and University Grants Commission (UGC), pertaining to degrees obtained through ODL mode can be provided to the appellant.

However, it can be seen that the appellant herein has also raised certain hypothetical queries related to memorandums, notifications issued by Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) and University Grants Commission (UGC) the same do not fall within the ambit of information and the concerned authority is not required to interpret or create any information as this is beyond the mandate of the Act.



CPIO is hereby directed to provide the information related to implementation of various office memorandums, notifications to the appellant within 7 days of issuance of this order.

The appeal is accordingly, disposed of.

 29/5/2020

(Barindra Narayan De Bhowmick)
ED (Tech. Dev.) & Appellate Authority

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