

## पावर ग्रिड कोपॉरशन 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, 'सौदामिनी', प्लाट नं.2, सैक्टर-29, गुडगांव, हरियाणा-122007 Corporate Centre, 'Saudamini', Plot No. 2, Sector-29, Gurgaon, Haryana-122007



PGCIL/A/2020/00011

Dated: 29th May, 2020

Shri Mayur Behara 300, Ambika Park Society, near Rami park society Dindoli, Surat Gujrat-394210

Sub: Appeal under RTI Act, 2005 from Shri Mayur Behara (appeal letter dated 16<sup>th</sup> Mar, 2020) for RTI request (PGCIL/R/T/20/00006) dated 05<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2020.

Dear Sir,

This has reference to the order No. C/CP/AA/RTI Act, 2005 dated 29<sup>th</sup> May, 2020 from the Appellate Authority on the subject matter. As directed by the Appellate Authority, the desired information is attached herewith **Annexure-I.** 

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## Annexure-I

- 1.0 It is once again reiterated that as per the RTI Act, 2005, ""information" means any material in any form, including records, documents, memos, e-mails, opinions, advices, press releases, circulars, orders, logbooks, contracts, reports, papers, samples, models, data material held in any electronic form and information relating to any private body which can be accessed by a public authority under any other law for the time being in force". The queries raised by Sh. Behera do not come under the aforementioned definition of information. Further, the public authority under the RTI Act, is not supposed to create information; or to interpret information; or to solve the problems raised by the applicants; or to furnish replies to hypothetical questions. Only such information can be given under the Act which already exists with the public authority.
- 2.0 It may also be noted that the Ministry of Human Resource Development, vide its Gazette Notification dated 01<sup>st</sup> September, 2018, stated that "the Central Government hereby notifies that all degrees awarded through Open and Distance Learning mode of education by the Universities established by an act of Parliament or State Legislature, Institutions Deemed to be Universities under Section 3 of the University Grants Commission Act 1956 and Institutions of National Importance declared under an Act of Parliament stand automatically recognized for the purpose of employment to posts and services under the Central Government, provided they have been approved by the University Grants Commission and wherever necessary by All India Council for Technical Education for the programmes for which it is the regulatory authority."
- 3.0 Also AICTE, on a reference from POWERGRID, vide its reply dated 08<sup>th</sup> June 2016 has stated that, "it has been the policy of AICTE, not to recognize the qualifications acquired through distance education mode at Diploma, Bachelors & Masters Level in the fields of Engineering, Technology, Architecture, Town Planning, Pharmacy, Hatel Management & Catering Technology, Applied Arts & Crafts & Post Graduate Diploma in Management (PGDM)."

The above guidelines are followed in POWERGRID.

