

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, सेक्टर-29, गुड़गांव, हरियाणा 122001-
CORPORATE CENTRE, 'SAUDAMINI', PLOT No.2, SECTOR-29, GURGAON,
HARYANA- 122001

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

Date: 05th October, 2020

Appellant: M/s Shilpi Agarwal, R/O Quarter No B-7,, Income-Tax Colony,
Opposite Old High Court,, Navrangpura, Ahmedabad, Pin:380009

Public Authority: POWERGRID

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

ORDER

Grounds of Appeal

The Appellate Authority has received an online Appeal bearing number PGCIL/A/E/20/00042 dated 9th September 2020 from Ms. Shilpi Agarwal. Earlier, the appellant herein had filed an online RTI application bearing number PGCIL/R/E/20/00291, dated 11th August 2020, with the CPIO Corporate Centre, seeking information related to salary slips of Mr. Ashish Agrawal. The instant appeal has been preferred on the ground that the CPIO has not provided the requisite information.

Decision:

On receipt of the appeal, information provided by the CPIO vide reply dated 4th September 2020, and relevant papers were perused. The appellant vide her instant appeal is seeking information related to salary slips of Shri Ashish Agarwal which was denied by the CPIO vide its order dated 4th September 2020.

It can be seen that a notice as required under section 11 (1) was given to Shri Agarwal being the third party, for making submissions on the issue whether the information related to his salary slips can be disclosed or not. Shri Agarwal vide his letter dated 31st August 2020 has submitted that the information sought by Dr. Shilpi Agrawal is personal in nature and if disclosed it may endanger his as well as his parents safety.

Courts have time and again held that when personal information sought has no nexus to any public activity or interest the same can be denied. Hon'ble Supreme Court in the matter of **CPIO, Supreme Court of India versus Subhash Chandra Agarwal**, has held that personal information is entitled for protection from unwarranted invasion of privacy and conditional access is available only when stipulation of larger public interest is satisfied. In my considered opinion, the appellant herein has not been able to establish that a larger public interest would be served by disclosure of this information. It is apposite to mention that the third party (Shri Agarwal) also has categorically submitted that no information pertaining to his salary slips should be given. This being the case the information sought squarely falls within the ambit of exemption as envisaged under section 8 (1) (j) of the Act, and the same cannot be provided.

The appeal is accordingly disposed of.

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ED (TD) & Appellate Authority

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