

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: 18<sup>th</sup> ~~October~~ <sup>December</sup>, 2020

Appellant: Shri Akash Tyagi, C-475A, Vikaspuri, Delhi-110018  
Public Authority: POWERGRID  
Respondent: Chief GM (CP) & CPIO, Corporate Centre, POWERGRID,  
Gurgaon.

**ORDER**

**Grounds of Appeal**

The Appellate Authority has received online appeals bearing reference numbers PGCIL/A/E/20/00051/ PGCIL/A/E/20/00052 PGCIL/A/E/20/00053 on 02.11.2020, 04.11.2020 and 05.11.2020 respectively from Shri Akash Tyagi. Earlier, the appellant herein had filed online RTI applications bearing reference numbers PGCIL/R/E/00329 (RTI/2020-21/19548), PGCIL/R/E/00328 (RTI/2020-21/19547), PGCIL/R/E/00327 (RTI/2020-21/19546) dated 03.09.2020 with the CPIO Corporate Centre, seeking information related to list of projects won and completed by POWERGRID during 2015-16 to 2019-2020, including project-wise scope, project sanction date, start date, date of commissioning, O&M cost, insurance cost, manpower cost incurred for completed projects. Further he had also sought funding and IDC details for both RTM as well as TCB projects. The instant appeal has been preferred on the ground that the CPIO has not provided the requisite information citing section 8 (1) (d) of the Act, except providing few links.

**Order:**

On rejoining the office, after recovery from COVID, I have perused the replies bearing ref no. PGCIL/R/E/20/00329 dated 01.10.2020, PGCIL/R/E/20/00327 dated 05.10.2020 and PGCIL/R/E/20/00328 dated 05.10.2020 given by the CPIO and other relevant papers in this regard.

The Appellant had sought information related to scope of the projects, project sanction date, start date, data of commissioning etc. for all the completed RTM and TBCB projects. It can be seen that CPIO had provided the details pertaining to TBCB projects. However, as far as details pertaining to RTM projects are concerned only links to CEA (website) links were provided. The appellant in his appeal, has stated that the information available in CEA website is partial and does not tell whether the information pertains to TBCB or RTM. I have visited the CEA website and I agree with the contention of the appellant that only partial information is available/posted related to commissioned projects/ assets on the website. Accordingly, CPIO is advised to provide compiled list of projects / assets for the requested period.

Regarding the project wise O&M / Insurance cost sought under PGCIL/R/E/20/00329, the appellant was informed by CPIO that the same are not maintained project-wise and hence, cannot be provided in respect of RTM projects. Consolidated figures of O&M cost including insurance for all the projects put together including those completed in last five years, are available in annual reports of the Company for respective years and the same are posted on the website as well. The CPIO is directed to provide the link of the same to the appellant.

It can be seen that the appellant herein was informed that project wise O&M cost & Insurance cost are not available and consolidated cost of O&M including insurance are apportioned per asset basis (normative) and are referred for tariff purpose. In my considered opinion, the Act categorically states that the information as may be available can be given and it is not incumbent upon the CPIO to provide the information in the form as may be sought by the applicant. Accordingly, the annual percentage of O&M cost as compared to the annual tariff received for individual commissioned projects cannot be provided as the same is not available. Further the CPIO is also directed to provide the information related to normative O&M including Insurance cost pertaining to the RTM projects, as allowed by CERC, to the appellant. In regard to O&M / Insurance costs of completed TBCB projects, the CPIO is directed to provide link to access the annual reports of respective TBCB companies to the appellant.

In regard to information pertaining to Intercompany loan agreement for the SPV Fatehgarh-II Transco Limited, I agree with the contention of the CPIO, that the disclosure of the information would harm the competitive position.

In regard to the Project-wise information requested under PGCIL/R/E/20/00327 manpower, cost of manpower & overhead costs for completed RTM projects, the appellant was informed that these are not maintained project wise and consolidated figures are available as part of annual reports and can be accessed from POWERGRID website.

Be that as it may as the project wise / asset-wise apportion of these costs is normative and is part of CERC orders/petitions available in CERC/POWERGRID



websites, the same can be accessed by the appellant. The details as available in annual reports of respective companies in respect of TBCB project can be provided in this regard. The CPIO is directed to provide the link of the same to access the information by the appellant.

As far as RTI no. PGCIL/R/E/20/00327 is concerned, the information sought by the appellant are part of the CERC orders. Accordingly, CPIO is directed to provide CERC order references for accessing project-wise/asset-wise funding information viz. construction period, annual source and extent of funding, cost of funding, IDC etc. for the projects completed during last five years, to the appellant for RTM projects. Further, these details are part of annual disclosure under annual reports of respective TBCB project available in the website. The CPIO is directed to provide the relevant link(s) access the information by the appellant.

CPIO stated that the information sought under various heads for last five years is voluminous, not available in format, in which appellant had requested. CPIO is directed to provide the above information in the available form or relevant web-link(s) / order references to access the information along with compiled list of projects won / completed during last five years.

Accordingly, CPIO is directed provide above information with in fourteen days from the date of issue of this order.

In view of the foregoing directions appeals bearing numbers PGCIL/A/E/20/00051/ PGCIL/A/E/20/00052 PGCIL/A/E/20/00053 are accordingly disposed of.

  
18/12/2020

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**ED (TD) & Appellate Authority**

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