

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

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

Date: 15th March, 2021

Appellant: Shri Avinash Tiwari, Maruti Enclave Society, Papdewasti,
Phursungi-412308 Maharashtra

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 number PGCIL/A/E/21/00008 on 18.02.2021 from Shri Avinash Tiwari. Earlier, the appellant herein had filed online RTI application bearing reference number PGCIL/R/E/20/00560 dated 26.12.2020, with the CPIO Corporate Centre, seeking information related to Power Grid Executive (Finance) CBT exam dated 31.10.2020. The instant appeal has been preferred on the ground that the CPIO has not provided the information citing section 8 (1) (d) of the Act.

Order:

I have seen the RTI application filed by the applicant and the reply dated 25.01.2021 given by the CPIO. CPIO has provided the requested details regarding CBT exam viz. answer Key, Certified answer sheet of appellant, total number of candidate appeared and number of candidate short-listed in CBT exam. Further the appellant was informed that the category wise merit list could not be shared considering the joining of candidates is impending.

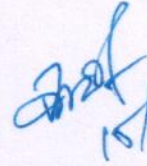
In regard to the request for CBT exam question paper used as a part of the selection process in POWERGRID, CPIO denied the same and stated that the questions are acquired by POWERGRID after payment of due fees to a third party and may be used for recruitment in future as well. Appellant has contended that since the question paper has already been seen by the candidates who took the

examination hence, exemption under 8(1) (d) would not be applicable. I find force in this contention of the appellant; however, it is equally important to keep in mind that the questions which were used for the examination taken by the appellant may also be used in future as well.

Therefore, in order to meet the ends of justice the appellant may be allowed to access the information through a request for inspection.

The CPIO is directed to provide access (in person) to appellant for seeing the question paper of the examination for which he appeared for. CPIO may inform the preferable/convenient dates on which the appellant may come for inspection, within seven days from the date of this order.

The appeal is accordingly disposed of.


15/12/2021

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ED (TD) & Appellate Authority

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