

पावर ग्रिड कॉर्पोरेशन ऑफ इंडिया लिमिटेड

भारत सरकार का उद्यम)

POWER GRID CORPORATION OF INDIA LIMITED

(A Government of India Enterprise)

Registered Post with Acknowledgement Due

Ref: SR-II: RTI:F-1170:20-21/2894

Date: 15th January, 2021

Shri N.Selladurai, No.3/17, Vandi Mettu Street, **Ranipet** – **632 401** Tamil Nadu

Sir,

Sub: <u>Information sought under RTI Act</u>, 2005 – reg.

This has reference to your application dated 16/12/2020 (as mentioned in the IPO) under RTI Act, 2005 received at this office on 21/12/2020. The information sought in the application is furnished in the enclosed Annexure-I.

As per section 19 of the Right to Information Act 2005, if required, you may file an appeal to the First Appellate Authority of the organisation within 30 days of the issue of this order. The address of the First Appellate Authority is given below:

Shri S.Ravi, Executive Director (SRTS-II) Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd., Singanayakanahalli, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore 560 064.

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Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

(V.RAJESH)

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Encl.: As above

Copy to: ED(SRTS-II), Appellate Authority, POWERGRID, SRTS-II, Bangalore - for kind information.

Q.No.	Reply (RTI No.1170)
1	Central Government
2	Government Sector
3	Both
4	POWERGRID is empowered under the provisions of the Electricity Act, 2003 and the Indian Telegraph Act, 1885 to place and maintain power transmission Towers and to draw transmission lines under, over, along or across, and posts in or upon, any immovable property.
	Prior Approval of Government U/S 68(1) of Electricity Act, 2003 vide Ref.No.52/11 (PGCIL)/2015-PSP&PA-II/ dated 29/09/2015.
5	Refer reply No.4
6	No prior consent is required for laying of POWERGRID transmission line and towers. If any crop damaged during construction activities, the same shall be compensated based on assessment of respective Agriculture/ Horticulture/ Forest Department.
7	Refer reply No.4
8	Tower erection works are in progress as per site requirement.
9	Distance between each transmission towers shall change/vary based on the actual site conditions.
10	Construction tower no.18/0 - 19/0
11	POWERGRID is a Government organization and arranges funds on their own.
12	Refer reply No.4
13	Refer reply No.4
14	The information sought by the petitioner is technical documents and need not be shared, particularly in view of the fact that the Hon'ble High Court of Madras has perused the records & was satisfied and the procedure adopted by POWERGRID with regard to laying of Transmission Lines/ Towers has been recorded in its Order in W.A. No. 79 of 2019, with the finding that there is no malice in law or in facts and POWERGRID is performing its Statutory duty and the same has been confirmed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.
15	The route of the said Transmission line was finalized based on the techno-economical basis and after a thorough survey of the various possible options keeping in view of the Technical Specifications and taking into account the following parameters such as: a. Minimal impact on the environment b. Avoiding inhabitant areas to the extent possible c. least impact on the crop and plantation d. Crossing the EHT line at an angle as close to 90 degree e. Crossing the National Highways at an angle of 90 degree

	f. Avoiding places of worship, etc. g. Avoiding Natural water bodies and Parks, etc., h. Most economical route.
16	Tree felling /lopping/trimming will be done as per requirement of safe electrical clearances.
17	Refer Reply No.15
18	Refer Reply No.16
19	No change.
20	Refer Reply No.04
21	Tree cutting works are in progress and as per guidelines of Government.
22	Refer reply No.4&6
23	Refer reply No.4&6
24	Refer reply No.4&6
25	Minimum damage to crop as per site requirement and felling of trees to maintain safe electrical clearances.
26	Refer reply No.15
27	The required electrical clearance is available as per Central Electricity Authority (Measures relating to Safety and Electric Supply) Regulations, 2010.
28	Please refer sl.no.15
29	Compensation are being paid through e-payment. Crop/tree Compensation paid to respective land owners after completion of work i.e. after damage of crop & felling of tree as per the assessment of respective departments and also on submission of all required documents by the land owners. Compensation towards tower base/corridor will be paid in terms of REVISED G.O.(Ms) No.86 dated 30/10/2019 issued by the Government of Tamil Nadu.
30	Refer Reply No.4.
31	-Tree cutting /enumeration works are in progress.
	- Tree cutting requirement (if any) is as per Government norms
32	POWERGRID has only "USER RIGHT" in the process of construction of transmission line/tower which comes under The Electricity Act, 2003 and Indian Telegraph Act, 1885.
33	Tree cutting works are in progress.