

RTI REQUEST DETAILS

Registration No. :	PGCIL/R/T/21/00009	Date of Receipt :	28/01/2021
Transferred From :	Ministry of Power on 28/01/2021 With Reference Number : POWER/R/E/21/00050/8		
Remarks :	In so far as PG Desk, MoP is concerned, information may be treated as Nil. However, the said RTI Application is transferred to Finance Division of this Ministry and Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (PGCIL) for furnishing available information to the applicant directly vide this Ministry letter dated 28.01.2021.		
Type of Receipt :	Electronically Transferred from Other Public Authority	Language of Request :	English
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Letter No. :	Details not provided	Letter Date :	Details not provided
Is Requester Below Poverty Line ? :	No	Citizenship Status :	Indian
Amount Paid :	0 (RTI fee is received by Ministry of Power (original recipient))	Mode of Payment :	Payment Gateway
Does it concern the life or Liberty of a Person ? :	No(Normal)	Request Pertains to :	
Information Sought :	<p>I am an advocate practicing before the Supreme Court of India and the Delhi High Court and regularly advise Infrastructure Development Companies. I am writing to you with reference to the Office Memorandum No. 9/4/2020-PPD dated 12.11.2020 issued by the Procurement Policy Division, Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, Government of India, whereby it has been decided to reduce Performance Security from existing 5-10% to 3% of the value of the contract for all existing contracts. A copy of the said Office Memorandum was also issued to the Secretary, Department of Public Enterprises with a request to issue the same instructions to Central Public Sector Undertakings (CPSUs).</p> <p>Pursuant to the above Office Memorandum, CPSUs and PSUs have been requested to reduce the existing performance security supplied under the contract in the form of Bank Guarantees to 3% of the contract value and release of the Bank Guarantees for the balance security. However, no action has been taken by the CPSUs pursuant to the Office Memorandum nor any response has been received from them, in this regard, till date. The continued inaction by the CPSUs and PSUs will have a crippling effect on the business of my clients as well as the entire Infrastructure Sector, thus defeating the</p>		

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- (3) What steps have all CPSUs and PSUs under the Ministry of Power taken to give effect to the above Office Memorandum? Please share the relevant document, if any.
- (4) Whether the instruction regarding reduction of performance security to 3% contained in the above Office Memorandum (or as adopted) applies to existing Performance Bank Guarantees supplied under subsisting contracts? Please share relevant document, if any.
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