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', प्लाट 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: 25th Aug, 2022

Appellant: Sh. Shubham Singh, Village - Udharanpur, Post -Mewpur, Sultanpur,

UP, Pin: 228161

Public Authority: POWERGRID

Respondent: CPIO, Corporate Centre, POWERGRID, Gurgaon

<u>ORDER</u>

Grounds of Appeal

The Appellate Authority has received an online appeal bearing number PGCIL/A/E/22/00032 dated 26.07.2022 from Sh. Shubham Singh, (appellant). Earlier, the RTI application(s) bearing number PGCIL/R/E/22/00208 from appellant herein, were received by CPIO Corporate Centre. The instant appeal has been preferred on the ground that the CPIO have refused access to information requested at Sl. No. 4 of aforesaid RTI application.

Order:

I have seen the above mentioned RTI application filed by the appellant wherein information related to executives promoted with transfer was sought. I have also perused the reply dated 14/07/2022 sent by the CPIO. It can be seen that at SI. No. 4 of aforesaid RTI application the appellant had sought the "List of employees, who did not join the new place of posting within 30 days from date of issuance of order, are regulated as per 6.3 of transfer policy". Against this, the CPIO had furnished the number of such employee(s). CPIO has further informed that the details of employee are personal information, disclosure of which has no relationship to any public activity or interest, therefore exempted under section 8(1)(j) of RTI act 2005. Aggrieved by the fact that no such list was provided the appellant herein has preferred this appeal.

In my considered opinion, the appellant has failed to establish any public interest that would be served by disclosing the information. In fact, the information related to employees who did not join the new place of posting within thirty days from the date of issuance of order is a matter between the employee concerned and his employer. Further, it can be seen that vide his order dated 14/07/2022, the CPIO has already provided a number (with respect to employees) and any further information would impinge upon the privacy of the individual concerned. Moreover, whenever personal information is sought under the RTI Act, disclosure of an interest in the information sought would be necessary to establish the bonafides of the applicant who is seeking the information. The appellant has not only failed in disclosing such interest but also in showing that any public purpose would be served if the information is provided. The information if disclosed will surely cause an unwarranted invasion of the privacy of the individual. In view of the foregoing observation the information sought cannot be provided.

Accordingly, the appeal is disposed of.

(B. Anantha Sarma)

ED (CS) & Appellate Authority

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