

पावरग्रिडकारपोरेशनऑफ इंडिया लिमिटेड
POWER GRID CORPORATION OF INDIA LIMITED
सूचनाकाअधिकारअधिनियम2005 केअंतर्गतआपीलीयअधिकारी
APPELLATE AUTHORITY UNDER THE RTI ACT, 2005

केन्द्रीयकार्यालय, 'सौदामिनी', प्लाटनं.2, सैक्टर-29, गुडगांव, हरियाणा- 122001
CORPORATE CENTRE, 'SAUDAMINI', PLOT No.2, SECTOR-29, GURGAON, HARYANA- 122001

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

Date: 12th October, 2022

Appellant: Sh. Z A Ansari, A-158, Shop No 8, Dilshad Colony, Delhi -110095

Public Authority: POWERGRID

Respondent: CPIO, Corporate Centre, POWERGRID, Gurgaon

ORDER

Grounds of Appeal

The Appellate Authority has received an online RTI appeal bearing number PGCIL/A/E/22/00042 dated 12/09/2022 from Mr. Z A Ansari (appellant). Earlier, the RTI application bearing number RTI PGCIL/R/E/22/00271, from appellant herein, was received by CPIO Corporate Centre. The instant appeal has been preferred on the ground that the CPIO has provided incomplete, misleading or false Information.

Order:

I have seen the above mentioned RTI application filed by the appellant herein. To put it succinctly the appellant herein in his RTI application dated 07/08/2022, had sought information related to initial appointment, posts held, date of promotion to each grade, place of postings and periods, copy of annual appraisal reports including comments of the relevant authorities etc., of one of the employees of respondent corporation. The same was denied by the CPIO, vide its reply dated 07/09/2022, on the ground that the information sought is related to personal information of the individual and disclosure of which has no relationship to any public activity or interest and if disclosed this would cause unwarranted invasion of the privacy of the individual. Hence, the present appeal. At the outset it can be noticed that the information sought by the appellant herein pertains to one of the

employees' of the respondent corporation. In fact, the information sought at serial number of RTI application dated 07/08/2022 is seeking validation from the respondent in as much as the respondent is required to respond in yes or no. However, the appellant has not only failed to establish the public interest or activity this information if divulged would serve, but also his personal interest in seeking this information. Hon'ble Delhi High Court in the matter of Hari Kishan v. President Secretariat has held that "whenever "personal information" is sought under the *Right to Information Act*, disclosure of interest in the information sought is necessary. In my considered opinion the information related to postings, posts held, entry in grade and comments of the competent authorities on annual appraisal reports etc., is personal information. These matters are between the employer and the employee and unless there is a larger public interest – involved or served the same must not be disclosed. In fact, this is the mandate of second part of section 8 (1) (j) wherein the CPIO or the appellate authority is required to be satisfied that larger public interest would be served by the disclosure of the information. In my submission no larger public interest would be served by disclosure of this information, in fact the same would cause unwarranted invasion of the privacy of the individual.

In view of the foregoing submissions, the information sought by the appellant cannot be provided.

Accordingly, the appeal is disposed of.


(B. Anantha Sarma)

ED (CS) & Appellate Authority

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