

To

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Sir,

Sub: Appeal against the reply furnished to my RTI request dated 11.11.2022
Ref: Reply dated 12.12.2022

Kindly refer to my RTI Application No. PGCIL/R/E/22/00374 dated 11.11.2022 seeking information under RTI Act 2005.

Not satisfied with the reply furnished by the CPIO vide letter dated 09-12-2022 to the following points, I am filing this First Appeal under RTI Act 2005.

Information sought	Information furnished	Remarks						
<p>1.1 Please provide the information related to payment of Performance Related Pay to Chief Vigilance Officer, Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd, year wise from the financial year 2009-10 to 2019-2020 in the following format</p> <table border="1"><thead><tr><th>Financial year</th><th>PRP amount paid</th><th>Name of CVO who received</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr></tbody></table>	Financial year	PRP amount paid	Name of CVO who received				<p>The information sought is personal information in nature, disclosure of which has no relationship to any public activity or interest, or which would cause unwarranted invasion of the privacy of the individual. Therefore the disclosure of such information is exempted under Section 8(1)(j) of the RTI Act, 2005.</p>	<p>The CPIO has denied information citing section 8(1)(j) of RTI Act 2005. The Performance Related Pay to CVOs is paid from the Consolidated funds of the Government. Moreover, no personal information of any officer is sought for*</p>
Financial year	PRP amount paid	Name of CVO who received						
<p>1.4 Please supply attested photocopies of the office Notesheet/document approving payment of the PRP to the CVO from 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19 & 2019-20 (5 financial years)</p>	<p>Payment of PRP to CVO is based on applicable Government guidelines mentioned in reply at SI No.1.5 below.</p>	<p>It is to mention that no file would be complete without note sheets approved by competent authority. The CPIO without even checking the relevancy and without application of mind suppressed</p>						

		the facts and in which Public exchequer would have been exploited.
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*PRP is paid to the CVOs from the Tax payers money. Expenses of the same do not come under confidentiality as the information sought for is official in nature and not any personal information like his GPF balance, other savings with Government etc., sought for.

Moreover, Delhi High Court in Vijay Prakash v. Union of India(WP(c) 803/2009) laid down certain guiding principles under section 8(1) (j). The Delhi Court made the observations at para 20(iii) that:” whether the disclosure will furnish any information required to establish accountability or transparency in the use of public resources” In this instant case, it is pertinent to note that no personal information of CVOs has been sought for. CPIO has rejected by citing an irrelevant section of RTI Act which is nothing but suppression of facts and the purpose of RTI ensuring the transparency and accountability of the public authority dealing with the tax payers money is defeated.

In view of the above, it is requested to direct the CPIO to provide the information in r/o 1.1 and supply copy of note sheets sought under No.1.4 of my RTI request dated 11.11.2022 and to ensure the transparency of the public authority as per RTI act.