

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', प्लॉट नं.2, सेक्टर-29, गुड़गांव, हरियाणा- 122001  
CORPORATE CENTRE, 'SAUDAMINI', PLOT No.2, SECTOR-29, GURGAON, HARYANA- 122001

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

**Date: 03 Feb, 2023**

Appellant: Sh. B Selvakumar, 611, Indira Nagar, Second Avenue Adyar,  
Chennai-600020

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/23/00001 dated 04/01/2023 from Sh. B Selvakumar (appellant). Earlier, the RTI application bearing number RTI PGCIL/R/E/22/00374, from appellant herein, was received by CPIO Corporate Centre. The instant appeal has been preferred on the ground that the CPIO has not provided the details.

**Order:**

I have seen the above mentioned RTI application. I have also perused the reply dated 09/12/2022 sent by the CPIO and other relevant documents. This appeal is preferred as the appellant is not satisfied with the response provided for Sl. No. 1.1 and 1.4 of RTI application dated 09/12/2022. To put it succinctly, at Sl. No. 1.1 and 1.4 of his RTI application, the appellant had sought information related to Performance Related Pay (PRP) to Chief Vigilance Officer(s) of POWERGRID during 2009-10 to 2019-2020 and Office Note sheet/document approving payment of the same. Vide reply dated 09/12/2022, CPIO has provided the applicable government guidelines against Sl. No. 1.4 of the RTI application. The information sought at Sl. No. 1.1 of the RTI application was denied by the CPIO on the ground that the information sought is personal in nature, disclosure of which has no relationship to any public activity or interest and disclosure of the same 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 Chief Vigilance Officer(s) of the respondent corporation. 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 sought related to Performance Related Pay (PRP) to Chief Vigilance Officer(s) of POWERGRID during 2009-10 to 2019-2020 is personal information. 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. The issue related to payment of emoluments is personal in nature and it is between the employer and the employee concerned, in my considered opinion unless the public purpose outweighs the personal interest such information cannot be given being personal in nature. In the instant case no such public interest or activity is established. 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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