

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

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

Date: 29 Sep, 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/23/00041 dated 04/09/2023 from Sh. B Selvakumar (appellant). Earlier, the RTI application bearing number RTI PGCIL/R/E/23/00268 dated 27/07/2023, 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 07/08/2023 sent by the CPIO and other relevant documents. It can be seen that in his RTI application, the appellant herein had sought information related to Performance Related Pay (PRP) to Chief Vigilance Officer(s) of POWERGRID during 2009-10 to 2019-2020. The information sought 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, or which would cause unwarranted invasion of the privacy of the individual. This appeal is preferred as the appellant is not satisfied with the reply provided by CPIO

It is pertinent to mention here that the appellant herein in this instant appeal has

indicated that the purpose of seeking this information is primarily of personal nature. The appellant has failed to establish any public interest which would be served in case the information is divulged.

In my considered opinion, the requested information sought related to Performance Related Pay (PRP) to Chief Vigilance Officer(s) of POWERGRID during 2009-10 to 2019-2020 is of personal nature since the appellant has failed to establish any public interest that would be served by the disclosure, hence the information sought squarely falls within the exception as envisaged under section 8 (1) (j). Considering the contention of the appellant that the information is required for the purpose of his personal representation which the appellant has given to the government authorities, makes it even more susceptible to section 8 (1) (j) as disclosing this information would invade the individual's privacy, especially regarding emoluments, which is a personal matter between the employer and employee.

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 (CP/MM) & Appellate Authority

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