

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

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

Date: 20 Nov, 2023

Appellant: Sh. T N Biju, C-1/95 Surya Vihar Colony, Junwani Roadbhilai,
Chattisgarh- 490020

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/23/00054 dated 21.10.2023 from T N Biju, (appellant). Earlier, the appellant herein had filed the RTI application bearing number PGCIL/R/E/23/00351, dated 24.09.2023. The instant appeal has been preferred on the ground that the CPIO has "Refused access to Information Requested".

Order:

I have seen the above mentioned RTI application. I have also perused the reply sent by the CPIO and other relevant documents. The appellant herein in his RTI application had sought information related to maintenance of EHV lines, patrolling frequency and maintenance activity procedure railway track crossing of EHV lines etc. CPIO vide reply dated 04.10.2023 had informed that the information sought cannot be shared under clause 8(1)(d) of RTI Act, as the maintenance practices of POWERGRID are its intellectual property/trade secret and may affect POWERGRID commercially. However, the appellant has preferred this appeal requested to provide the information.

As the act provides for in unequivocal terms that information related to commercial confidence, trade secrets or intellectual property is denied unless the larger public interest warrants the disclosure under section 8 (1) (d) of RTI Act, I also find merit in the submission of CPIO that the information cannot be shared.

Accordingly, the appeal is disposed of.


(B. Anantha Sarma)
ED (CP) & Appellate Authority

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