

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: 19 Dec, 2023

Appellant: Sh. Manish Kumar

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/23/00063 dated 17/11/2023 from sh. Manish Kumar, (appellant). Earlier, the appellant herein had filed the RTI application bearing number PGCIL/R/P/23/00137, dated 26/10/2023. 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. I have also perused the reply dated 17/11/2023 sent by the CPIO and other relevant documents. The appellant has preferred this appeal against reply given for the information sought at Sl. No. 1, 4 and 5 of his RTI application wherein he had sought the information related to contract employees on payscale working in POWERGRID, its subsidiaries and JV company separately (Sl. No. 1), Promotion policy of regular executive employees (Sl. No. 4) and sanctioned, existing and vacant cadre strength of executive employee on company pay scale from E0 to E9 (Sl. No. 5).

Against the information sought at Sl. No. 1, 4 and 5 of the aforesaid RTI application, CPIO had stated that POWERGRID being a commercial entity, the information sought is of commercial confidence and trade secret of POWERGRID, disclosure of which would harm its competitive position and hence cannot be provided under clause 8(1)(d) of the RTI Act 2005. CPIO also stated that the larger public interest in disclosing the information is not explained. However, CPIO informed the applicant to check POWERGRID's Annual Report 2022-23 on their website for relevant information.

In my considered opinion, the information, subject to exceptions under section 8 of RTI Act 2005, have already been furnished by CPIO in response to the information sought at Sl. No. 1 and 5 of aforesaid RTI application.

Further, section 4 of the RTI Act, emphasizes the proactive disclosure of information by public authorities and mandates the suo motu disclosure of various categories of information, on the official website of the public authority. In my considered opinion the information sought at Sl. No. 4 of the aforesaid RTI application, pertaining to promotion policy of regular executive employees, falls under the ambit of Section 4 of the RTI Act.

In view of the above, CPIO is directed to provide the information sought at Sl. No. 4 of the aforesaid RTI application to the appellant within 30 days of issuance of this order.

Accordingly, the appeal is disposed of.



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

To: Sh. Manish Kumar

Email : divya201223@gmail.com , **Mob:** Not Provided

Copy to: CGM (CP) &CPIO, Corporate Centre, POWERGRID, Gurgaon.