

Central Transmission Utility of India Ltd

RTI Query of Mr Naman Mohnot vide RTI REQUEST No.PGCIL/R/T/23/00076/1 dated 21.12.2023

RTI Query-

The transmission system plays a crucial role in supplying power from generating stations to consumers through the essential connection between generation and distribution. To determine the execution method for transmission projects, the Ministry of Power (MoP) established the Empowered Committee on Transmission, chaired by the Member (Power System) of the Central Electricity Authority (CEA). In the 33rd Empowered Committee meeting on September 30, 2014, the MoP directed the expedited implementation of the HVDC Bi-pole link between Western region (Raigarh, Chhattisgarh) and Southern region (Pugalur, Tamil Nadu) and the Inter State Transmission System for Renewable in Northern Region. The relevant details from the meeting are as follows: During the 33rd Empowered Committee meeting on September 30, 2014, the committee recommended the implementation of the mentioned schemes through the Tariff-Based Competitive Bidding (TBCB) route. However, Director (Projects) at Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd. (PGCIL) raised concerns about the recording of the meeting minutes related to the mentioned projects. The Central Electricity Authority (CEA) clarified its position on December 26, 2014, through a letter to the Director (Projects) at PGCIL and subsequently communicated its stance to the Director (MoP) on January 20, 2015. The MoP, in letters dated December 10, 2014, and March 3, 2015, instructed that the transmission schemes, including the HVDC scheme and the transmission system for renewables, should be executed under a compressed time schedule. In light of the above, the following information is required:

- a) Please provide a copy of the letter dated December 26, 2014, issued by the Director (MoP) requesting modification in the minutes of the meeting. Additionally, furnish the associated documents and notings prepared for the letter.
- b) Kindly provide CEA clarificatory response to MoP in the letter dated January 20, 2015, regarding the recordings of the minutes of the meeting.
- c) Please provide copies of the letters dated December 10, 2014, and March 3, 2015, in which MoP communicated the directive for the expedited implementation of transmission schemes. Additionally, include the associated documents and notings prepared for these letters.

Reply to the Query-

The information sought by the applicant does not pertain to CTUIL.