

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: 28 Feb 2024

Appellant: Sh. Yashraj Pandey, ISKCON Temple, Sant Nagar, East of Kailash
New Delhi

Public Authority: Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (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/24/00003 dated 29/01/2024 from Sh. Yashraj Pandey, (appellant). Earlier, the appellant herein filed the RTI application bearing number PGCIL/R/E/24/00048, dated 27/01/2024. As the RTI application dated 27/01/2024 did not yield any result, and the application was returned with the observation that the information sought does not pertain to POWERGRID, the appellant herein was constrained to file this appeal.

Order:

I have seen the above-mentioned RTI application wherein the appellant requested information regarding the compliances submitted by Power links Transmission Limited (a Joint Venture of TATA and POWERGRID) to central government for its regulatory purpose. The RTI was returned to the applicant on 29/01/2024 with the observation that "The information sought does not pertain to POWERGRID".

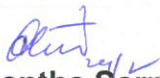
The appellant filed the RTI application dated 27/01/2024 and this appeal is apparently based on the belief that since POWERGRID has entered a joint venture in Powerlinks Transmission Limited (a Joint Venture of TATA and POWERGRID), POWERGRID should be responsible for providing information under the provisions of RTI Act for Powerlinks Transmission Ltd. as per Section 2 of the RTI Act, 2005.

Section 2 of the RTI Act, 2005 provide various definitions pertaining to the RTI Act, 2005 and Section 2 (h) defines the Public Authority. On perusal of the said Section, an entity (which is itself owned, controlled or substantially financed directly or indirectly by the funds provided by appropriate Govt.), merely by becoming a Joint Venture Partner with another entity does not make it a Public Authority of the Joint Venture.

Hence, in my considered opinion, POWERGRID is not a Public Authority for Powerlinks Transmission Limited under the Right to Information Act as defined in Section 2.

Therefore, I find the response provided by the CPIO stating that the requested information does not pertain to POWERGRID to be in order.

Accordingly, the appeal is disposed of.


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

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