

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: 07 Jun, 2024

Appellant: Sh. Sukumar Nayak, Plot No -942, AT/PO- Bankual Tankapani Road,
Bankual Bhubaneswar- 751002

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/24/00021 dated 09/05/2024 from Sh. Sukumar Nayak (appellant). Earlier, the RTI application bearing number RTI PGCIL/R/E/24/00177 dated 26/03/2024, from appellant herein, was received by CPIO Corporate Centre. The instant appeal has been preferred with "Ground For Appeal" mentioned as "Provided Incomplete, Misleading or False Information".

Order:

I have seen the above mentioned RTI application. I have also perused the reply dated 25/04/2024 sent by the CPIO and other relevant documents. The appellant herein, in his RTI application, had sought information related to (1) Travelling Allowance/ Daily allowance and Hotel tariff of Executives, Supervisors and Workmen and (2) latest guidelines of Company Lease Accommodation Facilities of Executives, Supervisors and Workmen. The information sought was denied by the CPIO on the grounds that the information sought is intellectual property of the company and give company a competitive advantage through its effective talent management practices and hence exempted under section 8 1(d) of RTI Act 2005.

However, the appellant has preferred this appeal and requested to provide the details of information and also stated that the information is being sought for comparative analysis only.

In my considered opinion, the appellant has failed to establish any public interest that would be served by disclosure of the information sought. Instead the contention of the appellant that the information is required for comparative analysis, is personal in nature, which makes it even more susceptible to section 8 1(d) of RTI Act 2005. The information sought is a matter between the organization and its employees and unless a larger public interest warrants the disclosure of such information, the same cannot be provided.

In view of the foregoing submissions, the appeal is disposed of.


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ED (CP/MM) & Appellate Authority

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