<mark>पावर ग्रिड कारपोरेशन ऑफ इंडिया लिमिटेड</mark> 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', प्लाटनं.2, सैक्टर-29, गुड़गांव, हरियाणा- 122001 CORPORATE CENTRE, 'SAUDAMINI', PLOT No.2, SECTOR-29, GURGAON, HARYANA- 122001

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

Appellant: Ms. Karra Satyavathi, Plot no.36, D.No.1-4-160.1.36, hi-tension road, GZP school road, Manik Sai Enclave, Sainikpuri, AP-500094

Date: 14 Jun, 2024

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/24/00024 dated 17/05/2024 from Sh. Sukumar Nayak (appellant). Earlier, the RTI application bearing number RTI PGCIL/R/E/24/00239 dated 28/04/2024, 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 16/05/2024 sent by the CPIO and other relevant documents. The appellant herein, in his RTI application, had asked whether there are any existing policies or scheme for reimbursement of IVF treatment in POWERGRID and sought further information related to the same. In response, CPIO informed that exist such policy/scheme however denied further information stating that as per section 8 1(d) of RTI Act 2005, the policy is intellectual property, the disclosure of which would harm the competitive position of organization and there is no public interest involved in disclosure of such information.

The appellant has preferred this appeal and requested to provide the extract copy of the IVF treatment reimbursement policy and also stated that the information is being sought for analyzing policy's alignment with the MoHFW circular dated 22.11.2011.

In my considered opinion, the appellant has failed to establish any public interest that would be served by disclosure of the information sought. Rather, the appellant's reason that the information is information is required for analyzing policy's alignment with the MoHFW circular, seems personal, making it more susceptible to section 8 1(d) of the 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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