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Date: 04.08.2023

To,

The General Manager, Power Grid Corporation of India Limited
Regional H.Q., E.R.-II, C.F.-17, Action Area-1C, New Town,
Kolkata, 700156 & The Public Information Officer

Sub: Seeking information under RTI Act for price of felling /cutting down 145 Nos. most valuable teak trees, which are under the corridor of the 400KV D/C Rajarhat-Purnea Transmission line under PGCIL for the company's interest.

Ref:(i) i. Dy. Manager's Letter No.: ER-II/RJHT/TLM/ROW-23-24/285; Dated: 01.02.2023.

(ii). Memo No.:R/0029 and Ref. No.: ER-II/Rajarhat-Purnea TL/Loc No. 84/0 to 84/1/Foundation/Erection/Stringing; Dated: 08.02.2016.

(iii). Letter No ER-II/RJHT/TLM/ROW-23-24/381; Dated 22.05.2023.

Sir,

With profound regard I want to draw your kind attention that I am an agriculturist by profession and have very small land in plot No. 159, Khatian No. 3536, J.L. No. 148, Mouza Parbatipur, having an area of 1.26 acres, District Nadia. I planted the most valuable trees not for my life and livelihood, but for my family and other dependent members future financial security point of view. There were about 1000 valuable teak trees standing on the aforesaid. By nursing and cultivating said trees and after maturity by selling the woods, I have to fulfill all the basic needs of my family on any emergency situation. By nature of all these trees yield their results after 10 to 15 years, when its growth and market

value protect the investment and others securities of me. These plants grow with two leaves in the beginning and becomes mature after a handsome period of time. If someone cuts down said trees in the beginning or within 7-10 years it would only be a total damage, not more than this. Despite such huge loss in capital investment for planting and nursing of the trees, earlier 584 Nos. were cut down arbitrary by the authority concerned. I was almost ruined due to fall down said 584 teak trees in order to draw high voltage 400 K.V transmission line over my said property as advised by the authority concerned. Now once again a notice has been issued to cut down another 145 trees. In this backdrop I hereby issue this letter for taking information as under:

1. Kindly inform me the details of the proper justification for not considering the required line clearance during the time of construction of the 400 KV transmission line.

Reason: Before cutting the said most valuable teak trees in the year 2019, experts from your end have been visited and proper survey took place. But in your above referred letter it is furnished that during patrolling it is observed that many numbers of trees are falling under the line corridor.

2. Please inform the substantial compensation along with calculation sheet on the basis of which payment already disbursed for 584 nos. trees in the year 2019? Also inform the proposed/offered compensation along with calculation sheet for 145 nos. trees for the current year i.e., 2023? Please send a copy of said proposed payment as of today.

Reason: You have mentioned in your above referred letter, that there is no difference in the compensation payment between the year 2016 and the current year i.e., 2023, but practically due different modes of calculation it has been a huge difference in payment.

3. Please inform the reasons for such huge low offer of payment of the aforesaid 145 most valuable and costly which you recently marked to cut i.e., 145 nos. trees.

Reason: The measurement of trees during two spells of time i.e., in the year 2016 and current year i.e., 2023 ought to be abruptly different. But the offer of payment as I came to know from reliable source is unthinkably lower than the previous one.

4. Please inform for not taking adequate precaution before considering the required line clearance during the time of construction and also commissioned the line before proper safety check as you mentioned in your above referred letter?

Reason: In the above referred letter authority concerned gave threat that the removal of the trees falling under the line corridor is utmost importance to avoid any untoward incident or fatal accidents.

The information as sought for is not barred by the Act itself nor it is any third-party information.

With thanks

Yours Faithfully

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