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**The Right to Information Act 2005
Application for obtaining information**

From

Kusumbar Choudhury
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Dist Chirang, Assam
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Phone: 9854365159

To

The Public Information Officer
Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd
B-9, Qutab Institutional Area, Katwaria Sarai,
New Delhi-110 016
Tel: 91-124-2571700

**SUB : Information Regarding -high voltage power transmission towers from
Biswanath Chariali to Agra**

Dear Public Information Officer:

Under the Right to Information Act 2005, Section 6, I need some information. The details of the information are as follows

1. Details of the applicant

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2. Period to which the information relates: Latest

3. Details of Information

BACKGROUND:

The Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd (PGCIL) is constructing high voltage power transmission towers from Biswanath Chariali to Agra. In the process, a lot of farmers

and land owners have been affected and hope of future development of their land is halted. There seems to be no clear Compensation Policy. Therefore the following queries may kindly be answered:

1. Is there any detailed compensation policy for compensating farmers/land owners on whose land the transmission towers in connection with Biswanath Chariali to Agra transmission line are being constructed?

2. Whether there is any compensation fixed for compensating affected farmers and households on whose lands/dwelling area the tower line is being constructed under Sidli Revenue Circle in Chirang District of Assam. If yes, what is the rate of compensation?

3. Who will retain the ownership of the area of land where the high voltage transmission tower is being erected by PGCIL

4. Will the landowner/Farmer be able to take up any future development of the area of land and its surroundings where the tower is constructed, if he decides so? If no, is the PGCIL acquiring the land?

5. Is there any provision of prior consultation with land owners/farmers before fixing the route of the transmission line? Whether they should be given a notice or served with a caveat at the first instance itself?

4. Application fee details

Encl. Application Fee of Rs 10/- by IPO No.25F-659065 PAY TO: Accounts Officer

5. Below Items are for your kind information and consideration

a. As per section 6(3) of the RTI Act 2005, In case, the requested information is held by another public authority, I request the PIO to transfer the application or part of it within FIVE days and immediately inform me about such transfer.

b. As per section 7(3) of the RTI Act 2005, In case, there are further fee required to provide the requested information, I request the PIO to inform me of the additional fee amount along with the calculations made to arrive at the amount.

c. As per section 7(8)(iii) and 7(3)(ii) of the RTI Act 2005, I request the PIO to inform me of the particulars of First Appellate Authority.

6. Declaration

I declare that I am a citizen of India/PIO or OCI Card Holder.

Yours faithfully,

Kujumbhar

Tuesday, April 14th 2015



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संदर्भ संख्या/Ref No: NESH/PESM/RTI/1117/105

दिनांक/Date: 03/06/15

To,

Mr. Kusumbar Choudhury,
Namalpur, Sidli,
Dist. Chirang-783373, Assam.

Sub: Reply to your RTI Query vide application No. 191, dated 14.04.2015, received on 27.04.2015.

Sir,

1.0 This is in reference to your application No. 191, dated 14.04.2015 under RTI Act 2005, received on 27.04.2015.

2.0 As per information received from concerned site, the point wise information to your queries are as follows:

Sl. No.	Your Query	Information
i.	Is there any detailed compensation policy for compensating farmers/land owners on whose land the transmission towers in connection with Biswanath Chariali to Agra transmission line are being constructed?	As per the Indian Telegraph Act'1885 and Indian Electricity Act'2003 acquisition of land is not required for construction of transmission line. POWERGRID pay only surface damage compensation to the affected farmers/ landowners for the standing crops/trees/huts damaged during construction stages.
ii.	Whether there is any compensation fixed for compensating affected farmers and households on whose lands/dwelling area the tower line is being constructed under Sidli Revenue Circle in Chirang District of Assam. If yes, what is the rate of compensation?	As mentioned above, POWERGRID pay surface damage compensation for standing crops damaged during construction of a transmission line. There is no fixed compensation fixed for the affected farmers of under Sidli Revenue Circle in Chirang District of Assam. Compensation paid is jointly assessed with the Revenue Authorities
iii.	Who will retain the ownership of the area of land where the high voltage transmission tower is being erected by PGCIL?	For construction of transmission line, land acquisition is not required hence, there is no change in ownership of the land.
iv.	Will the landowner/Farmer be able to take up any future development of the area of land and its surroundings where the tower is constructed, if he decides so? If no, is the PGCIL acquiring the land?	As mentioned above land acquisition is not required for construction of transmission lines. Subject to maintaining the requisite electrical clearance as per Electricity Act/Rules and maintaining safety clearance, the owner may take up future development.
v.	Is there any provision of prior consultation with land owners/farmers before fixing the route of the transmission line? Whether they should be given a notice or served with a caveat at the first instance itself?	Public consultation meetings are carried out before fixing of the route of the transmission line in the course of survey and also from time to time. During construction stages, POWERGRID site representatives serve notices to affected land owners over which the transmission line towers are to be erected.

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3.0 Kindly acknowledge receipt of this letter.

Thanking you.

Copy to :

1. GM (PESM & CPIO),NR-I.

Copy to (NIO) :

1. DGM (Vig.), NERTS, Shillong.

Yours faithfully

P. Deka 03.06.2015

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DGM (PESM) & CPIO
POWERGRID, Shillong

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