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16/08/2023

To,  
The Executive Director (NR-1),  
First Appellate Authority,  
Power Grid Corporation of India Limited, Northern Region-1(HQ),  
SCO:5-10, Sector-16A, Faridabad, Haryana-121002

Dated :- 07/08/2023



Subject: - Information under RTI act, 2005

Respected Sir/Madam,

Kindly refer to the Information provided through letter no. POWERGRID/NR-1/RTI/2240/2211, dated 26/07/2023(Copy is enclosed)

Through this letter you have informed for information mo.1 that "POWERGRID never restricts itself to NABL accreditation. The relevant guidelines Dt 12/08/2015 is attached".

While seeking the information with letter sated 13/07/2023, I have attached NR-1 Circular (Ref NR1/FQA/TEST LAB/Extn/2021-23, dated 21.10.2021 as per ANNEXURE-1. In this circular at point no.2(d), it is clearly ordered that "The validity of the NABL accreditation may be ensured by site at the time of sending the samples for testing. Additionally, site must ensure that the LOGO along with the certificate number of NABL accreditation is present in the test report provided by these labs".

Hence the provided information is misleading and incomplete and you are requested to provide the copy of documents having instruction under which you have asked for NABL accreditation and LOGO of NABL in the test report.

Thanks, with regards

Your Sincerely

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Chairman

United Accreditation Body of India

15-a, Nai Basti, Khampur, Delhi-110036

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(भारत सरकार का उद्यम)  
**POWER GRID CORPORATION OF INDIA LIMITED**  
(A Government of India Enterprise)

Ref: POWERGRID/NR-I/RTI/2240/2211

Dt.:26.07.2023

To

Ms. Bhawana Gola,  
Chairman, United Accreditation Body of India,  
15-a, Nai Basti, Khampur, Delhi-110036  
Mobile No.9015622111

**Subject:** Regarding RTI Application Dt.13.07.2023 under RTI Act-2005.

Madam,

This is in reference to your RTI application Dt.13.07.2023 vide which information under RTI Act, 2005 has been sought by you. In this regard, point-wise information is as below:

Point No.	Contents of Point	Information provided by POWERGRID
1.	Kindly provide the copy of documents having instructions under which you have asked only for NABL accreditation and also the logo of NABL in the test report.	POWERGRID never restricts itself to NABL accreditation. The relevant guidelines Dt.12.08.2015 is attached.  Guidelines dated 12.08.2015 for approval of third-party laboratories clearly states that Govt. Labs/Govt. College/Govt. Polytechnic and accredited labs (accredited by NABL or an agency operating in line with ISO/IEC 17011 and having full membership & MRA of ILAC/APLAC) shall be selected for third party testing in India. The same is followed pan India including NR-I Region.
2.	Kindly provide the copy of document having mentioned the ground under which NABL accreditation is mandatory for the lab to provide the testing services.	NABL accreditation is not mandatory.
3.	Kindly provide the copy of documents having mentioned the ground, reasons on that basis Government Institutes and Government Colleges such as IIT, NIT, MNIT, other	They are the institute of national importance and policy framed by POWERGRID accordingly.

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	government laboratories which are empanelled by PGCIL have been exempted from NABL accreditation .	
4.	As per the PGCIL Corporate Circular revision Dated 12.08.2015, copy enclosed as per annexure-2, Kindly provide the copy of documents having ground under which you are not following the Corporate guidelines and only mentioning a single accreditation body i.e. NABL.	Corporate Guidelines are being followed.

**Details of First Appellate Authority**

**Shri A.K.Mishra**

Executive Director (NR-I), First Appellate Authority,  
Power Grid Corporation of India Limited, Northern Region -I, HQ  
SCO:5-10, Sector-16A, Faridabad (Haryana)-121002  
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Thanking you.

Yours faithfully

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**GUIDELINES FOR APPROVAL OF THIRD PARTY LABS (TPL) FOR TESTING OF CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS FOR TRANSMISSION LINES / SUBSTATIONS**

PURPOSE:- According to SFQP, samples of various construction materials like cement, coarse aggregate, fine aggregate, reinforcement steel, concrete cubes etc. are required to be tested at independent third party labs approved by POWERGRID. In order to ensure accurate and authentic test results, we have to select reputed, independent and capable labs for this purpose.

It is therefore necessary to identify and approve suitable labs in all regions for enabling the satisfactory testing of samples during execution of various T/L and S/S projects.

1. The labs shall be approved by the respective Regional Head based on the assessment carried out by the constituted committee.
2. The Committee constituting members from FQA& Site shall be approved by the Regional Head, for the above assessment.
3. The broad guidelines for selecting the TPL shall be as follows:
  - a) shall be a reputed Lab
  - b) shall be an independent Lab
  - c) shall be an accredited Lab\* / Govt. Lab/Govt. College/Govt. Polytechnic
  - d) shall have testing facilities for the concerned material & parameters
  - e) the testing equipment shall be duly calibrated .
  - f) Lab shall be having facilities for authentically e mail the test results directly to POWERGRID.
  - g) there shall be evidence that Lab is undertaking sufficient volume of work to prove that the lab is reliable, authentic and wholly accepted by multiple customers
4. After assessment the report along with recommendations shall be put up to the Competent Authority for approval of the Lab.
5. Every approval shall be valid for 2 years period from the date of approval.

**Note:**

\* Accredited by NABL or an agency operating in line with ISO/IEC 17011 and having full membership & MRA of ILAC/APLAC

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