

RTI APPEAL MATTER

F.No. 22/1/2020-IPDS(251396)

Government of India

Ministry of Power

Shram Shakti Bhawan, Rafi Marg

New Delhi - 110001

Dated: 12th October, 2020

Subject: Ist Appeal filed by Shi Sharad Mehrotra under the Right to Information Act, 2005 for not providing satisfied answer of RTI application bearing registration no. POWER/R/E/20/00563 dated 03.08.2020.

The undersigned has gone through Appeal No POWER/A/E/20/00028 dated 13.9.2020 and the original request for information sought by the applicant under the RTI Act bearing no POWER/R/E/20/00563 dated 03.08.2020. I have appraised the matter and find that most of the information sought by the applicant is on granularities of the APDRP and RAPDRP implementation, which would be available with the concerned public authorities, ie. PIOs of POWERGRID, Power Finance Corporation (PFC) and Madhyanchal Vidyut Vitaran Nigam Ltd (MVVNL), Lucknow. Keeping the above in view, I have appraised the requests for information sought by the applicant in his original RTI request as well as his grounds for appeal, and consider it prudent to pass speaking orders as under:

- a. In so far as the information sought under S No 1 of the original RTI request is concerned, it is a statement of fact that the APDRP Works in relation to the subject request were carried out by Ms POWERGRID, which is another public authority holding its own records. Therefore, the conditions, if any available under records of POWERGRID, under which the work of consumer indexing, computerized billing etc. was done in Rae Bareilly town under APDRP by the claimed curtailing other works by the applicant may be provided by the PIO of PGCIL directly to the applicant. Further, information in respect to this item, if any available may also be provided by PIO of MVVNL, which is another public authority under whose need assessments and jurisdiction this work was carried out.
- b. S No 2 of the original RTI request pertains to the conditions under which the computerized billing, making of baseline data, consumer indexing, metering of DTs and Feeders was further done under RAPDRP was done. It has also been mentioned that the applicant is clear the mechanism of project appraisal involves DRC approval, PFC appraisal, and Monitoring committee approval. The applicant has sought information as to on whom would the responsibility be fixed for purportedly spending the hard earned money twice on the same work. In S No 2, the applicant has also referred to an RTI request from PFC in his application seeking information, but no request for further information

from CPIO, Ministry of Power is discernible after that. In this connection, it is stated that the conditions under which the said work was planned or done would be available with the concerned Public Authority which had planned the works, ie. MVVNL. The detailed appraisal of these works along with the Project DPR would be available with the nodal agency, i.e. PFC as well. Therefore, the information pertaining to the same, as per the records available, may be provided by the PIO of PFC and PIO of MVVNL directly to the applicant. In so far as various responsibilities, approvals and monitoring mechanisms under RADPRP are concerned, the information is available on the "Order/Guidelines" tab of the website https://www.ipds.gov.in/Default_RAPDRP.aspx.

- c. In so far as the information sought in S No 3 of RTI request - training on MVVNL employees in December, 2010 are concerned, the Ministry of Power does not maintain all records of training of all Distribution Utility personnel across the country on all aspects. The information and records of training, if any conducted in MVVNL in February, 2010 would be available with MVVNL. Therefore, the information requested may be provided by PIO/MVVNL directly to the applicant. Further, the information in regard to the DPR and the reasons for carrying out the works of consumer indexing, and computerized billing under RAPDRP may also be provided by the CPIO of the Nodal Agency, i.e. PFC and PIO/ MVVNL directly to the applicant.
- d. Other issues raised by the applicant in his RTI application as well as in the appeal are in the nature of the applicant's interpretations; or, statements; or, "why's". While Statements and interpretations are not information requests, "whys" are not covered as information under the purview of the RTI Act.

2. In view of above, regarding points raised by the applicant in RTI Appeal, the Appeal is being disposed off in reference to the information sought by the Applicant vide RTI application dated 3.8.2020 with a transfer of information request to CPIOs of PGCIL, PFC and MVVNL to provide the information, as required by the applicant directly.

Yours faithfully,



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Copy to:

PIO/ POWERGRID, PIO/Power Finance Corporation, PIO/MVVNL/Lucknow:
With the request that this letter may be treated as a transfer of RTI information request of the applicant (Copy enclosed) for providing the needful information as per provisions of the RTI Act.

Copy also for information to:

**US (RTI), Ministry of Power
CPIO & US (APDRP), Ministry of Power**