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22nd April 2015

To
Shri S.Mohanasundaram,
Oolaihundu,
Varunthiyapalayam Pudur,
Periyavattam Post,
Chennasamudram Village,
Erode - 638151.

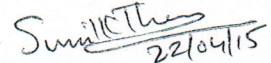
Sub: Your RTI application dated 18.03.2015.

Sir,

This has reference to your RTI application received in this office on 25.03.2015. Point wise reply to your queries in the application is enclosed as Annexure-A

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,


(Sunil.K.Thomas)
DGM & CPIO

Encl: Annexure-A (Total of 8 pages)

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Point wise reply to RTI Queries by Shri. S.Mohanasundaram, Erode pertaining to details of Tuticorin –Dharmapuri (New Salem) 765 kV Transmission line.

Query No: 1

Who has granted permission under which ACT for the Tuticorin – Salem New (Dharmapuri) Double Circuit Transmission Line passing through Chennasamudram village, Erode District?

Reply:

Ministry of Power/Govt. of India has granted approval to POWERGRID for establishing Tuticorin – Salem New (Dharmapuri) Double circuit Transmission line. The route of the line, which passes through several villages including Chennasamudram has been finalized by POWERGRID considering all Techno-economical factors. POWERGRID is carrying out the works pertaining to the line in accordance with the provision of Electricity Act' 2003

Query No: 2

Have you received permission from State Environment Clearance for Laying of Transmission Line? If any, furnish the details of order reference no. and date. Further what is the name of official who has granted permission and his designation?

Reply: No clearance is required from State Environment authorities.

Query No: 3

Have you received permission from Department of Environment Clearance/ Govt. of India for Laying of Transmission Line? If any furnish the detail of order reference?

Reply:

No Environment clearance is required from Department of Environment , Govt. of India for Laying of Transmission Line.

Query No: 4

What is the importance of taking this Transmission Line Project through Chennasamudram village?

Reply:

The route which is traverses through Chennasamudram village is the most techno economical feasible Route

Query No: 5

The details of approval obtained from Govt. of India with order reference no. and date. Further what is the name of official who has granted permission and his designation?

Reply:

Ministry of Power/Govt. of India vide order no.11/4/2007-PG dated 23rd June'2010 issued by Sh. K.V.Gopala Rao / Under Secretary to the Govt. of India.

Sumithra

Query No: 6

The details of approval obtained from State Government with order reference no. and date. Further what is the name of official who has granted permission and his designation?

Reply:

No approval from State Government is required for such projects.

Query No: 7

Since the project is executed by Government Enterprise, whether any Public grievances meeting was organized for people of the particular area before execution of the Project? If so furnish the details of the date of Public Notice and details of publication in News Paper?

Reply:

Such Public grievances meetings are not mandatory for establishing a line. Hence no such meeting was held.

Query No: 8

If any Public grievances meeting was organized, which place it was conducted? How many people participated? Furnish the details of number of persons accepted and against the project?

Reply: Not Applicable

Query No: 9

Whether any land acquired for this project is as per ACT 1894 and its Amendment?

Reply: No land acquired for this Project

Query No: 10

What is the clause and ACT reference for Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd. who is having rights to acquire land?

Reply: No land acquired for this Project

Query No: 11

Who has granted permission and his designation for laying of Transmission Line Project through Chennasamudram village?

Reply:

The route of the Transmission line was approved by the competent authority, Sh.H.R.Nagendran, General Manager (Projects), POWERGRID

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Query No: 12

Which Act of Law granting permission for POWERGRID CORPORATION OF INDIA officials to collect details of land and their ownership or any Government Order issued for the same? If it so who issued order and his designation?

Reply:

Transmission lines are established by POWERGRID as per the provision of Indian Telegraph Act, 1885, Electricity Act 2003 and Govt. of India Gazette notification dated 24.12.2003. In order to pay compensation for the damages as per the above Acts, ownership details are collected.

Query No: 13

Who granted permission for force to obtain no objection letters from the land owners for implementation of this Project? Who has empowered to issue such permission?

Reply:

No forceful signature obtained from any land Owner by Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd. officials for implementation of this Project

Query No: 14

Which Act of LAW and its section granted permission for the Officials of POWERGRID CORPORATION OF INDIA to enter forcibly to the Land Owners house?

Reply:

POWERGRID has got authority to enter into a land for laying of Transmission lines as per the provision of Electricity Act, 2003, Part -III of Indian Telegraph Act, 1885 & The Gazette of India; Extraordinary {Part-II-Sec.3 (ii)} Ministry of Power, New Delhi, order dated 24th December 2003 by Sh. Ajay Shankar/ Jt.Secy.

However no forceful entry has been made by any official of Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd. to any Land owner's house for implementation of this Project

Query No: 15

Do you have rights to enter into the land for cutting of trees and damaging of crops? And also order/instruct the land owners to accept the compensation payment as per the rates issued by respective Agriculture and Horticulture Departments?

Reply: Yes

Query No: 16

Any permission is required for Construction of houses and planting of trees along both sides of the Transmission Line?

Reply: No permission is required beyond the Right way

Sumit

Query No: 17

What is the Right of way for both sides of Transmission Line? Whether any intimation issued during the public grievances meeting held?

Reply:

Right way clearance is 33.5 meter on either side of Transmission line. As per section 10 to 19 B, Part-III of Indian telegraphic Act '1885 and the authorization granted by Govt. of India to that effect, it is not necessary for Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd. to give prior intimation.

Query No: 18

The land value is high in Chennasumudram village. The same land value may decrease if the Transmission Line passes through the village. Who will be responsible for the diminishing value of land? What is the compensation proposed during the public grievances meeting or any information assured to the affected land owners?

Reply: As such there is no compensation of land payable

Query No: 19

Who will issue compensation for the survey land / affected survey land through which Transmission Line Project passes?

Reply:

As such there is no compensation for survey land /affected survey land through which Transmission Line Project passes.

Query No: 20

Who will take responsibility and whether any information / notice issued through Public grievances meeting for the diminishing value of land in the survey land along the sides of transmission line project passes through?

Reply:

As per section 10 to 19, Part-III of Indian Telegraph Act 1885 and the authorization granted by Govt. of India to that effect, it is not necessary for Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd. to give prior intimation

Query No: 21

Who will bear the losses? Whether Power Grid Corporation will bear the losses? If not which Act and its Section permit losses to the owners causing diminishing land value without compensation during execution of the Project?

Reply:

There is no land acquisition in this project. Hence losses for diminishing land value do not arise.

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Query No: 22

The State Highways is passing through center of Chennasumudram Village. All the land area are naturally suitable for construction of Houses and Commercial establishments. The land value may get reduced due to the Transmission Line Project passes through them. Further land value got diminished and cannot be used for the commercial purposes. Whether POWERGRID have rights for not making any land compensation which is equal to high value / commercial or prevailing market rate? If it so what is the ACT reference and its Section or Govt. Order ref no. and date and who issued the same with name of officer with designation?

Reply: Same as reply for query no.21

Query No: 23

Who is having power over the land Acquisition Act in Indian Constitution? Whether State Government or Power Grid Corporation? If within Power Grid Corporation then who is authorized for the same?

Reply: There is no acquisition of land for this Project.

Query No: 24

How obtained the List of land owners with Survey nos and Patta nos. along the route of the Transmission Line Project and from whom? If it is, whether POWERGRID have rights to collect the information without the knowledge of respective landowners?

Reply:

From the respective land owners, land details are collected for the sake of payment of compensation for the damages of crops/trees. In case of non-receipt of the above information from the land owners, the same will be obtained from concerned Revenue deptt.

Yes.

Query No: 25

Who is having Power for Acquisition of Land in Tamil Nadu? Either State Government or Power Grid Corporation?

Reply: Not applicable as there is no acquisition of land involved for this Project.

Query No: 26

Who issued order for obtaining signatures from the land owners by forcibly and also by threatening?

Reply:

No forceful signature was obtained by officials of Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd. from any land owner for implementation of this Project.



Query No: 27

Whether Government organization is having full independent rights to acquire land? Clarify the same is coming under the purview of Revenue Department or Power Grid Corporation?

Reply: As such there is no acquisition of land for this Project.

Query No: 28

State the Order of reference for delegation of land acquisition rights to Power Grid Corporation by Govt. of Tamil Nadu?

Reply: No acquisition of land is envisaged for this Project.

Query No: 29

State the delegation of power granted through which Act for Power Grid Officials to enter forcibly to the house of Land Owners to obtain signature and also in case of refusal whether they have right to say that the execution of the project will be done with the help of protection force?

Reply:

No forceful signature was obtained from any land owner by Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd. officials for implementation of this project.

Query No: 30

How officials can say and write that they vacate the court case within 15 days of filing Writ Petition in the Court by us against the project? Whether POWERGRID have any right to interfere with court proceedings? If any rights already granted then what is the special Act of LAW and its Section?

Reply:

Officials of POWERGRID have not given such statements. POWERGRID never interfere with any Court proceedings

Query No: 31

Whether official can enter the land owner house forcibly without taking permission and obtaining signature from any family member except the owner of land? Whether they have any right to instruct not to create any problem here afterwards. Any basic provisions exist in Act of LAW? Clarify Section. If there is no such Act of LAW exists where I have to lodge complain against the official who got our signatures as per rules/LAW. What disciplinary action will be taken against the officials as per LAW?

Reply:

No forceful signature was obtained from any family member of land owner by Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd for implementation of this project. Address for communication of the project implementing authority is given below to whom any correspondence including complaints can be send:

Swinita

Asst. General Manager
Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd.,
17/4G, Vivekanadar Street, Gandhi Nagar,
Nasiyanoor Road, Erode – 603802.

Query No: 32

How officials forcibly can take permission in writing from the land owners by committing payment for the crops damages while transporting the construction materials in the route to reach the location? While transporting construction materials through Centre of survey land which will affect/damage all the crops in the entire survey land. How POWERGRID officials can say that the compensation payment will be made for damages of crops in the route of movement of vehicle only and also said that land owners have to bear the losses for the crops in other area of survey land? Whether the officials have any right to say like this? In any order of LAW passed specially for POWERGRID for obtaining signature? If there is no provisions in any Act, whom to be approached for taking action as per LAW against the officials who got forcibly land owners signature?

Reply:

No forceful permission was obtained in writing from any land Owner by officials of Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd. Compensation payment will be disbursed for the area where damages occurred for crops / trees during construction. Also along the route of transportation vehicle while transporting construction materials, if any damage occur to crops / trees compensation will be paid for that area also. No officials of Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd. has said to the land owner that they have to bear losses if any damage caused for the crops / trees due to the movement of construction vehicle. For any clarification in this regard following officer can be approached:

Asst. General Manager,
Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd.,
17/4G, Vivekanadar Street, Gandhi Nagar,
Nasiyanoor Road, Erode – 603802

Query No: 33

What health hazards will happen to the human life in the route of the Transmission Line? Whether any discussion held in the public grievances meeting? In case of any hazardous incident who will take responsibility?

Reply:

No health hazards will happen to the human life in the route of the Transmission line. No public meeting held. Line is laid fulfilling all provision of CEA Safety Regulations, 2010.

Query No: 34

How POWERGRID officials have the right to cut the trees against land owner's objection? If it is what is the Act of LAW and its Section?

Sumit

Reply:

The trees are to be cut & removed to maintain the safe ground clearance from the electrical wire for which compensation are paid to the land owners as per the rates fixed by Agriculture/Horticulture/Forest deptt. of Govt.of Tamil Nadu. Section 10 to 19 of Indian Telegraph Act, 1885 accord powers to POWERGRID in this regard.

Query No: 35

How many routes are identified for laying of this Transmission Line through Chennasumudram Village? What basis the route of the Transmission Line selected? What is the reason for selecting this route through residential colony?

Reply:

Three alternate routes have been explored for the 765KV line for Tuticorin to Dharmapuri (New Salem) out of which Techno economically feasible route have been selected for laying of the line. The route thus selected passes through Chennasamudram Village also. The route is not passing through any residential colony.

Query No: 36

If Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd does acquisition of land against the provisions laid down in the Guide lines of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India and also the discretionary powers of State Government, Who is having authority to stop the project Activities?

Reply:

As such there is no acquisition of land for this Project. Hence the question of who is having authority to stop the project activities is not relevant here.

Sankar
