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Ref: SR-II: RTI: F-807:2018/

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To

Shri P.Ramaraju,
Plot No.81, 2nd Floor,
Goghavari Nagar, 2nd Street,
Iyyencherry, Kancheepuram Distt.,
Tamil Nadu – 603 210

Sub: Information sought under RTI Act, 2005 – reg.

Sir,

This has reference to your RTI application dated 09/11/2018 received at this office from our Corporate Office on 03/12/2018. The information sought in the application is enclosed herewith as Annexure-I.

As per section 19 of the Right to Information Act 2005, if required, you may file an appeal to the First Appellate Authority of the organisation within 30 days of the issue of this order. The address of the First Appellate Authority is given below:

Shri S.Ravi,
Executive Director (SRTS-II)
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Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

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Encl.: As above

Copy to: ED(SRTS-II), Appellate Authority, POWERGRID, SRTS-II, Bangalore - for kind information.

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Reply to RTI Application of Shri P. Ramaraju, Plot No, 81, 2nd Floor, Iyencherry (Urapakkam) PO, Kancheepuram Dt., Tamil Nadu:

1) The said location is tower no:34/0 of Pugaluru HVDC- Tiruvallam 400KV Double Circuit (QUAD) line. The tower falls in Krishnapuram Village, Gengavalli Taluk, Salem District. Only the counter poise earth falls in petitioner's land and line corridor between tower nos.34/0 to 33/0 also falls in petitioner land.

The point wise reply to the grievance raised by the applicant in his letter dtd. 12.09.18 to Ministry of Power is given below:

- (1) As per Electricity Act 2003 for the central transmission utility (CTU), prior consent of the land owner is not required. POWERGRID is a Deemed Transmission Licensee in the capacity of "Central Transmission Utility" as envisaged under sections 38 & 40 of the Electricity Act' 2003 as notified, vide Notification dated 27th November 2003, published vide Gazette of India No.1084 dated 4th December 2003.
- (2) Before the starting of the work, Caretaker of the said land of Shri P Raju has been informed about the installation of counter poise earthing in the land.
- (3,4) All types of agricultural activities can be taken up after installation of tower except tall growing trees. Plantations are easily grown as shown in the photograph attached as Annexure-Ia. All the crop, tree and land damages are suitably compensated as per certification of revenue authorities concerned.
- (5) **Authority of POWERGRID:** It is submitted that Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd (hereinafter referred to as POWERGRID) is a "Govt. of India Enterprise" & "The Central Transmission Utility", under the aegis of the "Ministry of Power". It is a Corporation of National Importance incorporated as a "Government Company", under the provisions of the Companies Act, 1956, and is established with a view to develop an efficient Power Transmission System Network and is responsible for planning and coordination of inter-state transmission system and also responsible for establishment and operation of the Regional and National Power Grids, to facilitate transfer of power within and across the regions and is a Deemed Transmission Licensee in the capacity of "Central Transmission Utility" as envisaged under sections 38 & 40 of The Electricity Act' 2003 as notified, vide Notification dated 27th November 2003, published vide Gazette of India No.1084 dated 4th December 2003.

POWERGRID is empowered under the provisions of the Electricity Act, 2003 (hereinafter referred to as the Electricity Act) and the Indian Telegraph Act, 1885 (hereinafter referred to as the Telegraph Act) to place and maintain power transmission Towers and to draw transmission lines under, over, along or across, and posts in or upon, any immovable property.

Further, the aforesaid statutes, provide for the manner of removal of resistance/obstructions coming in the way of exercise of the powers conferred. The relevant provisions of the aforesaid enactments are discussed hereunder:

As per Section 14 of 'The Electricity Act, 2003', 'Central Transmission Utility' shall be deemed to be a 'Transmission Licensee' under the Act.

As per Sec.164 of 'The Electricity Act 2003' the Appropriate Government may by order in writing for the placing of electric lines or electrical plant for the transmission of electricity confer upon the 'Licensee' any of the powers which the Telegraph Authority possesses under the Indian Telegraph Act 1885.

The Government of India in exercise of powers conferred under Sec. 164 of 'The Electricity Act 2003' had passed an Order dated 24.12.2003, vide Gazette of India No.1148 authorizing POWERGRID to exercise all powers vested in the Telegraph Authority under part III of the Indian Telegraph Act, 1885, in respect of Electrical Lines and Electrical plants established or maintained, or to be so established or maintained for Transmission of Electricity or for the purpose of Telephonic or Telegraphic communication, necessary for the proper co-ordination of the works.

POWERGRID submits that Part III of the Indian Telegraph Act, 1885, relates to power to place Telegraph Lines and Posts. Under Section 10 thereof, the telegraph authority may, from time to time, place and maintain telegraph lines under, over, along or across, and posts in or upon, any immovable property, provided that (a) (b) the Central Government shall not acquire any right other than that of user only in the property under, over, along, across, in or upon which the Telegraph Authority places any Telegraph Line or Post, and (c), and (d) in the exercise of the powers conferred by Section 10, the telegraph authority shall do as little damage as possible, and when it has exercised those powers in respect of any property other than that of local authority, it shall pay compensation, to all persons interested, for any damage sustained by them by reasons of exercise of those powers.

Section 11 empowers the telegraph authority at any time, for the purpose of examining, repairing, altering or removing any telegraph line or post, to enter on the property under, over, along, across, in or upon which the line or post has been placed.

As per the statutory provisions referred to supra clearly empower POWERGRID, empowered with the powers of Telegraph Authority to place and maintain Power Transmission Lines under, over, along or across and posts/towers in or upon any immovable property. For the said purpose POWERGRID **need not acquire any right other than that of user only in the property** under, over, along or across, in or upon which POWERGRID places its Transmission Lines or Posts/Towers.

- (6) The counter poise earthing has been carried out as a safety measure to protect the tower area as well as power line against lightning strokes/faults and installed as per Central Electricity Authority (Measures relating to Safety and Electricity Supply) Regulations, 2010. This counter poise earth and closing of existing well

is no way connected. Therefore, the counter poise earth laid 1 Meter below the ground level shall not affect the well, agricultural activities etc.

The construction of subject transmission line was approved by Govt. of India, vide prior approval of Ministry of Power, Central Electricity Authority- Government of India under Ref No.52/11(PGCIL)/2015-PSP&PA-II/251-252 dated 29/09/2015 and subsequent modification Vide Ref No.52/11(PGCIL)/2015-PSPA-II/134 dtd. 18/02/2016 and during the construction the damages to standing crops, trees and land shall be suitably compensated as per government guidelines and certification by the revenue authorities.

Further, it is to inform that the laid counter poise earthing cannot be removed as it is a requirement of safety of electrical system and public safety.

At present, District Revenue Authorities are assessing the land damages and in the process of fixing of land value in Gangavelli Taluk and on receipt of District Collector Orders, the compensation will be released to your bank directly from this corporation.

2), 3), 4) & 5) Please refer reply to sub-query No.5 of RTI Query No.1 above

6) The construction of subject transmission line was approved by Govt. of India, vide prior approval of Ministry of Power, Central Electricity Authority- Government of India under Ref No.52/11(PGCIL)/2015-PSP&PA-II/251-252 dated 29/09/2015 and subsequent modification Vide Ref No.52/11(PGCIL)/2015-PSPA-II/134 dtd. 18/02/2016 and during the construction the damages to standing crops, trees and land shall be suitably compensated as per government guidelines and certification by the revenue authorities.

7), 8) Please refer reply to sub-query No.5 of RTI Query No.1 above

9) The line alignment has been drawn as per Techno Economic Survey and as per the Electricity Act 2003 and in compliance with Central Electricity Act (measures relating to Safety and Electric Supply) Regulations, 2010. Dwarf trees/crops can be grown under the line corridor ensuring safe electrical clearance as specified in the Central Electricity Act (measures relating to Safety and Electric Supply) Regulations, 2010.

10) At present, District Revenue Authorities are assessing the land damages and in the process of fixing of land value in Gangavelli Taluk and on receipt of District Collector Orders, the compensation will be released to your bank directly from this corporation.





