

पावर ग्रिड कॉर्पोरेशन ऑफ इंडिया लिमिटेड  
POWER GRID CORPORATION OF INDIA LIMITED  
सूचना का अधिकार अधिनियम 2005 के अंतर्गत अपीलिय अधिकारी  
APPELLATE AUTHORITY UNDER RTI ACT, 2005  
SRTS-II, RHQ, Singanayakanahalli, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangaluru-560064

Ref: SRTS-II:RTI:F-1413:22-23/Appeal /

Dt:13.10.2022

**Appeal No.PGCIL/A/E/22/00043 dated 19<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

Name of Appellant : Varghese Mathew,  
C/O Manoj Kawle  
MSEB Colony, Brahmapuri  
Maharashtra-441206

Name of Public Authority : Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd  
Southern Region Transmission System-II  
Bengaluru – 560 064

Respondent : Shri K.V. Satyanarayana  
Sr. General Manager &  
Central Public Information Officer  
POWERGRID, SR-II, Bangalore

**Reference:**

1. RTI application Ref No. PGCIL/R/E/22/00248 dated 20/07/2022
2. RTI Reply Ref No. SR-II: RTI:F-1354:22-23/3449 dated 26/08/2022
3. RTI Appeal No. PGCIL/A/E/22/00043 dated 19<sup>th</sup> September 2022

**ORDER**

**Grounds of Appeal:**

Being dissatisfied by the information provided by the CPIO, POWERGRID, SR-II, Bangalore, vide his Letter No. SR-II: RTI: F-1354:22-23/3449 dated 26/08/2022 against the Request of the Appellant vide application dated 20.07.2022, the Appellant has filed this on the following grounds:-

The Appellant has stated that the CPIO Office has provided incomplete, misleading or false information.

**Decision:**

I have examined the matter and the information against the Queries raised vide RTI request dt.19.09.2022 has been furnished in full along with the previous RTIs of the Applicant/Appellant.

Originally the applicant has applied for certain information vide application no. 00173 dated 06/05/2022 and the some information had been furnished and the some had been rejected by the CPIO with the reasons mentioned therein. On which the applicant filed first appeal no.00027 dt 01/07/2022.before the same office, wherein appellate authority disposed the matter on merits vide order dated.16/08/2022.

Again the Applicant has filed another RTI Application vide application no.00248 dtd 20.07.2022 seeking information with similar queries. CPIO furnished the applicable information and replied on merits vide reply dated 26.08.2022. Now again Applicant/Appellant filed first appeal before this Appellate Authority for Decision.

It is observed that the appellant had raised new queries for information in his appeal filed before me which cannot be dealt as the Appellant is not supposed to raise fresh request for information at appeal stage.

It is also observed by the Appellate Authority that the information sought by the applicant comes under "personal information" which are exempt from disclosure under section 8 (1)(j) of the RTI act 2005.

Further, it is noted that the applicant has not invoked any larger public interest which would justify the disclosure of any information.

Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner in appeals have rightfully ordered that every repetition of RTI application which was earlier responded will be an obstruction to flow of information and defeats the very purpose of the RTI Act. The Hon'ble Chief Information Commission had further ordered that though the right to information is a fundamental right of the citizens, it cannot be used indiscriminately to fulfil the demands of one individual.

The Central Information Commission has time and again held the RTI Act does not cast on the public authority any obligation to answer queries in which the petitioner attempts to elicit answer to his queries with prefixes as why, what when and whether. The right extends only to seeking information as defined in section 2(f) either by pointing the file document, paper or record etc., or by mentioning the type of information as may be available with the specified public authority.

It is noted that the constant outpouring of RTI Applications on the public authority which are not having any larger public interest, would certainly be counter-productive as it will adversely affect the efficiency of the administration and result into executive getting bogged down with the non-productive work of collecting and furnishing information, which has been settled down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court vide its judgment in Civil Appeal No.6454 of 2011.

It is observed that the CPIO has replied the queries as sought in the application and provided within the time limit stipulated in the RTI Act,2005.

On the above grounds, I do not find any reason to interfere with the RTI Reply and the "Appeal" filed by the "appellant" does not hold good and is liable to be rejected. With this order, the Appeal stands disposed of.

A copy of the Order may be sent to the Appellant.

Date: 13.10.2022.

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*13/10/22*

**Executive Director & Appellate Authority, SR-II**

**Distribution:**

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POWERGRID, SR-II, Bangalore.