Appeal dated 02.08.2020 by Sh.Niresh Gupta ("Appellant") against the RTI reply disposed through online on 07.07.2020 under Right to Information Act, 2005 ("Act")

ORDER

RTI appeal having registration no. PGCIL/A/E/20/00035 has been received through online on 02/08/2020 from the appellant against the reply for the RTI application dated 22.06.2020, wherein the Appellant has sought for information pertaining to the result of the recruitment of Field Supervisor (Electrical) in POWERGRID, WR-II.

On perusal of the RTI Application, the Reply & the Appeal, it is observed that the appellant has sought for the information regarding 1) the marks obtained by the selected candidates and 2) the marks obtained by the applicant for the post of Field Supervisors. The CPIO has furnished the information vide its reply dtd 07.07.2020 stating that the selection was under process and thus the list of selected candidates could not be made available. As regards to the query of marks obtained by the applicant, it was replied that the individual score secured by the candidate in the Computer Based Test (CBT) has been made available at candidate's individual login at recruitment portal.

The "appellant" has filed the subject "Appeal" on aggrieved by the "RTI reply" seeking therein certain additional queries which are not as the same queries raised in the original RTI Application. Further, the appellant has resorted to interrogate the authority under the RTI Act so as to have a grievance Redressal mechanism for not having selected for the post of Field Supervisor (Electrical). The Appellant has raised the new queries such as (1) The reason for not been called for interview despite having secured the CUT-OFF marks. (2) The reason for calling 11 candidates for interview while the number of vacancies are 11. (3) What are the secondary criteria for considering/calling for interview for the candidates who secured cut-off marks?

The First Appellate Authority has found that the CPIO has rightfully furnished the information for the "RTI Application" and found no reason to interfere with it. In addition to the above, the Appellate Authority has observed that the appellant has raised new queries which are totally different from the original RTI Application and has also approached this appellate authority as a Grievance Redressal Mechanism for not having selected for the post of Field Supervisor (Electrical) which is not within the purview of RTI Act, 2005. As per the provisions of the RTI Act and the judicial precedents in this regard, the authorities under RTI Act are not to be construed as any grievance Redressal mechanism rather those are specific mechanism for providing information to the citizens.

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: 26.08.2020.

26/08/2020

Executive Director
First Appellate Authority
Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd., Vadodara.