

Appeal dated 21.02.2022 by Mr.Sahil A.Acharya (advocate) (“Appellant”) against the RTI reply to RTI application dtd 18.1.2022 (received on 04.02.2022) under Right to Information Act, 2005(“Act”)

ORDER

RTI appeal having no. NIL dated 21.02.2022 has been received through post from the appellant advocate against the reply for the RTI application dated 18.01.2022 (received on 04.02.2022) wherein the appellant had sought details of compensation paid, rate, area etc. of his client.

On perusal of the RTI Application & Reply, it is observed that the CPIO has not provided the information sought in the RTI application vide RTI reply dtd 10.02.2022 stating the reasons therein that the information sought cannot be disclosed as the same are exempted under Sec.8(1)(j) of RTI Act,2005.

In response to the said reply, the appellant has preferred the subject appeal vide appeal dated 21.02.2022 seeking the information.

The first appellant authority has found that the CPIO has rightfully rejected the “RTI Application” on merit and found no reason to interfere with it. It was held in WP (MD) No. 4336/2017 by Hon’ble Madras High Court that a practicing advocate cannot seek information relating to the cases instituted by him on behalf of his client. As a citizen he can ask for information but not as an advocate on behalf of his client.

On the above ground, 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 stand disposed of.

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

Date: 08.03.2022


09/03/2022

**Executive Director
First Appellate Authority**

Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd., Vadodara.