Power Grid Corporation of India Limited

Appellant Authority under the RTI Act, 2005

Corporate Centre, ‘Saudamini’, Plot No. 2, Sector-29, Gurgaon, Haryana-122007

Ref: C/CP/AA/RTI Act, 2005 Date: 21st July, 2014

Appellant: Shri Sumeet Kumar, Vill.-Hidayatpur Katarahra, Post: Bathna Mahodatt, Distt.- Vaisali-844118.

Appeal letter dated: 16th June, 2014

Public Authority: Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd., Corporate Centre, Gurgaon.

Respondent: Shri Sudhir Mittal, GM (CP) & CPIO, Corporate Centre, POWERGRID, Gurgaon.

ORDER

Grounds of Appeal

The Appellate Authority, Corporate Centre, POWERGRID has received an appeal dated 16th June, 2014 (received on 24th June, 2014) from Shri Sumeet Kumar, under RTI Act, 2005. An application dated 15th April, 2014 was filed by the Appellant with CPIO to obtain information for Annual property return of all Chief Managers, Dy. General Managers and General Managers of POWERGRID, Patna office.

However, not being satisfied with the reply provided, the applicant filed the appeal stating that as per CIC order No. CIC/OK/A/107/0149 and CIC/OK/A/108/00028 dated 20th March, 2008, details of the property are to be disclosed.

On receipt of the appeal, comments/ opinion of the CPIO, Corporate Centre and the concerned department were heard and relevant papers were perused. CPIO stated that vide our letter dated 8th May, 2014 requester was informed that as per the Hon’ble Supreme Court order of Special Leave petition (Civil) No. 27734 of 2012, Girish Ramchandra Deshpande vs. CIC & others, details of movable and immovable property of the employees are personal information and have no larger public interest and accordingly, exempted under Section 8 (1) (i) of Chapter-II of RTI Act, 2005.

CPIO stated that the appellant has referred the CIC order issued in 2008, however, the information has not been disclosed in line with Hon’ble Supreme Court order issued in 2012, as it is subsequent to the CIC order passed in 2008. CPIO further stated that as per the CIC order dated 5th May, 2014, the information sought by the appellant is also not to be disclosed.
Decision: On going through the records and explanation given by the CPIO, it is noted that the Appellant had sought for disclosure of Annual property return of POWERGRID’s employees. Based on the facts presented by the CPIO and the order of Hon’ble Supreme Court of India dated 3rd October, 2012 and subsequent CIC order dated 5th May, 2014, I agree with the views of CPIO that the information sought is exempted from disclosure under u/s 8(1) (j) of RTI Act 2005.

As application fee is not required in case of preferring an appeal before the Appellate Authority, IPO of Rs. 10 submitted along with the appeal is being returned to the Appellant.

The appeal is accordingly disposed off.

To: Shri Sumeet Kumar, Vill.-Hidayatpur Katahara, Post-Bathna Mahodatt, District-Vaisali-844118.

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