APPLICATION FOR SEEKING INFORMATION UNDER RTI ACT

To,
THE CENTRAL PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER
POWER GRID CORPORATION OF INDIA LIMITED,
CORPORATE OFFICE "SAUDAMINI",
PLOT NO.2, SECTOR-29, GURGAON-122001

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<td>2. Father’s Husbands Name (in Capital Letters)</td>
<td>Late Sri K.K.KAPUR</td>
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<td>N-64, PANCHSHILA PARK NEW DELHI – 110017</td>
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<td>Mobile : 9810224587 e-Mail : <a href="mailto:sukshamkapur@gmail.com">sukshamkapur@gmail.com</a></td>
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<td>POSTAL ORDER FOR RS. 20 (FEE) If any additional fee is required please let us know, so that we can deposit the same.</td>
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Declaration

I state that the right to information sought does not fall within the restriction contained in Section 8 & 9 of the RTI Act and to the best of my knowledge it pertains to your office.

Place : GURGAON
Date : 20.4.2015

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A. Annexure
B. RTI Application Fee [PO NO 07G 072099 for Rs 20/-]
Information requested under RTI Act 2005 Regarding purchase of Operation and Maintenance Test Equipments for Champa and Kurukshetra HVDC Terminal Project of Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd. (PGCIL) being procured through M/s Alstom T&D India Limited.

Background

These equipment are being purchased for the above project based on Purchase Specifications of PGCIL. In these specifications majority of the equipment are of Proprietary Make and Model particularly 6 items are of Particular make & Model Only. While in majority of other item specified particular Make and Model “or better” is specified. When particular make and model is specified “or better” has no meaning as it is already biased in favour of specified Make & Model only and the evaluating engineer will be totally biased.

A number of reliable and time tested Indian Manufacturers and other competitive manufacturers have thus been debarred even before opening of tender. A number of vendors have thus been indirectly debarred from the prospects of supply of equipment in these projects and the competition is restricted and it becomes monopoly of some brands only.

The Foreign companies (whose Makes and Models have been mentioned in the PGCIL specs) thus take advantage and hike their prices exorbitantly leading outflow of valuable foreign exchange and depriving Indian Industries and Indian Resources. Most of MSME units in this section of Industry thus are facing hardships will ultimately lead to closure.

Under this background I seek the following information under RTI Act 2005.

Information Sought

1. Please inform the names / designations of PGCIL engineers who drafted and approved these proprietary specifications mentioning particular makes and models.

2. If any Engineer (details as requested in Para 1 above) has any personal interest or involvement in the specified company (whose makes and models have been mentioned in PGCIL Specs), his/her name may please be informed.
3. If any of the above engineers of PGCIL has any relative or kin working in the specified companies, it may be informed.

4. If any of the specified companies representative have been visiting PGCIL officers, the details of such visits, vendors and official visited may please be informed including date of visits.

5. If any of the PGCIL engineers visited the works or offices of the specified manufacturers abroad, the details such as name, date of visit, purpose of visit may please be informed.

6. The list of Officials who attended the “Conference on Circuit Breakers and Protection Testing” organized by Central Board of Irrigation and Power, New Delhi from 20 to 21 Nov. 2014 may please be provided.

7. Information on Total Purchases made by PGCIL directly or through its contractors of Megger make products and its subsidiaries (Programma, Pax Diagnostics etc.) in the last 3 years (after specifying the specific Make and Model), may please be provided.

8. Please provide information on PGCIL’s fascination for Megger make products only when other time tested indigenous/foreign equipment are available at much cheaper cost.