ORDER

Grounds of Appeal

The Appellate Authority has received a postal Appeal dated 16th July, 2018 from Sh. Himanshu Chauhan seeking certified copy of note sheet/proposal approved by the competent authority of POWERGRID for making direct payment to sub contractors / sub vendors engaged by M/s Lanco Infra Tech, M/s Isolux and M/s IVRCL, in case where these companies failed to execute the work awarded to them and the payment was made directly to their sub contractors / sub vendors. Earlier, the appellant herein had filed a postal application dated 19th June 2018, under RTI Act, 2005 with the CPIO Corporate Centre, POWERGRID seeking following information:

1. Complete details of a case in which the main contractor to whom work for construction of Transmission Line was awarded by POWERGRID and due to failure of contractor, payment was made to Sub-contractor’s Labor contractors for civil and erection work of the transmission Line.

2. Please provide all documents i.e. proposal if any submitted by main contractor to / from POWERGRID.

3. Proposal for payment of Sub-contractors / Labor contractors submitted by concerned field officer of POWERGRID.
4. Approval by competent authority of POWERGRID for payment to Sub-contractors / Labor contractors.

On receipt of the Appeal, the details were sought from the CPIO. It can be seen that CPIO vide letter no. CP/RTI/2018/209, dated 2nd July 2018, informed the applicant that the information sought by him is generic in nature and does not fall in the category of Information as defined under Section 2(f) of RTI Act 2005. It is noteworthy that in his appeal the appellant is seeking information which he never asked in his RTI application dated 16th June 2018. In fact, CPIO has further informed that the appellant has also sought the similar information from him vide letter dated 16th July 2018.

Decision
I am of the considered view that the information sought by the appellant in his appeal dated 16th July 2018 was not part of original RTI application further the appellant has also filed another RTI application of even date, which is being dealt by CPIO. As far as the instant appeal is concerned the information sought by the appellant cannot be provided as the information sought was not part of original RTI application, it is generic in nature and the same is exempted from disclosure as per section 8 (1) (j) of the Act.

The Appeal is accordingly disposed of.

(Sanjeev Singh)
ED (CMG) & Appellate Authority

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