ORDER

Grounds of Appeal

The appellate authority has received a postal appeal on 8th November 2018, from Ms. Renu Singh. Earlier, the appellant herein had filed an application dated 3rd August 2018, forwarded by MOP through online RTI portal on 9th August 2018, under RTI Act, 2005, with the CPIO Corporate Centre, POWERGRID seeking information regarding persons of Scheduled Tribe (ST) category working in POWERGRID. The applicant had sought their names, employee numbers, Date of Birth, Designation, Office Address and copy of caste Certificates. The instant appeal has been filed on the ground that the CPIO had provided incorrect, incomplete and misleading information to the applicant.

On receipt of the Appeal, the issue was discussed with CPIO. It was informed by the CPIO that vide letter dated 9th October, 2018 the list of employees working in Corporate Center, Gurugram has been provided to the applicant mentioning the requisite details. However, no caste certificate was provided.
Decision

I am of the view that the information regarding persons of Scheduled Tribe (ST) category working in POWERGRID, may be provided mentioning their respective employee numbers, Date of Birth, and designation etc. CPIO is directed to forward the application of the appellant to the concerned CPIOs for necessary action at their end. Further, the appellant has requested for the name of tribe, details of issuing authority of the certificate, date and serial number of caste certificate or certified copy of caste certificate of all the employees falling under the said category. CPIO has informed that the requested information is not readily available in the form requested and will disproportionately divert the resources of the organization in compiling the information. However, in my opinion as far as the information with respect to caste certificate is concerned the same cannot be provided, being exempted under section 8(1) (j) of the Act. Moreover, the appellant has not been able to demonstrate any public purpose which the disclosure of this information would serve.

The Appeal is accordingly disposed of.

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