ORDER

Grounds of Appeal

The Appellate Authority has received a direct Appeal on 25th April, 2019 from Sh. D. Singara Velu. Earlier, the appellant herein had filed a postal RTI application dated 22nd March' 2019, under RTI Act, 2005, with the CPIO, Corporate Centre seeking information regarding pension Scheme introduced by POWERGRID. In addition the applicant had also requested for information regarding various schemes that are in vogue in POWERGRID for the benefit of all the categories of employees.

Decision

On receipt of the appeal, details were sought from the CPIO. It was informed by him that the appellant had earlier requested for POWERGRID’s social security schemes for superannuated employees. In response to his request, it was informed that the social security schemes in POWERGRID are in line with the Department of Public Enterprises (DPE) guidelines. It is pertinent to mention that
these guidelines are broad principles on which various welfare schemes/policies of the CPSEs are made or tailored depending upon their need. It is also true that these guidelines are in public domain being readily available on the website of the DPE. In my considered opinion the social security schemes of POWERGRID are modeled on the lines of the guidelines of DPE. Therefore it can be said that the social security schemes of the corporation are in public domain. Moreover these schemes are welfare schemes made for the betterment of employees of the corporation including the superannuating ones. However, CPIO has raised a contention that the information sought by the appellant would be difficult to collate. Be that as it may, in my considered opinion the appellant may carry out inspection in person at Corporate Centre, Gurugram, or at any Regional Head Quarter (RHQ) of his choice, on any working day subject to prior appointment and see the related files pertaining to social security schemes in POWERGRID.

Appeal is accordingly disposed of.

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