ORDER

The Appellate Authority has received an online Appeal PGCIL/A/2019/60034 dated 3rd May 2019 from Sh. J. Senthil Kumar. Earlier, the appellant herein had filed an online RTI application bearing number PGCIL/R/2019/50122 dated 3rd March 2019, with the CPIO Corporate Centre, POWERGRID, seeking information related to maximum allowable height of trees which can be grown under 400 kV AC transmission and various voltage level HVDC, EHV transmission lines. The appellant has filed this appeal on the ground that details have not been provided to him.

On receipt of the appeal, relevant papers and information provided by the CPIO were perused. CPIO informed that in the information has been provided to the appellant vide its letter dated 16th April 2019.
Decision

I am of the view that CPIO has already provided the information related to minimum clearance required between conductor and trees for various voltage level for HVAC and HVDC transmission lines. It is pertinent to mention that the transmission lines in the country are constructed as per the Central Electricity Authority’s Regulations 2010/2011, viz. "Technical Standards for Construction of Electrical Plants and Electric Lines", "Measures relating to Safety and Electric Supply" & "Safety requirements for Construction, Operation and Maintenance of Electrical Plants and Electric Lines" as well as Bureau of Indian Standard IS: 5613. These documents are available in public domain and can be accessed from the websites of CEA, BIS. The CPIO is hereby directed to provide the links of the aforementioned websites to the appellant.

The Appeal is accordingly disposed of.

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