Ref: C/CP/AA/RTI Act, 2005

Appellant: Sh. Jugal Kumar, R/O Village -Bampa, Tehsil- Joshimath, District- Chamoli, Uttarakhand Pin:246443

Public Authority: POWERGRID

Respondent: Sr. GM (CP) & CPIO, Corporate Centre, POWERGRID, Gurgaon.
ED (HR), Corporate Centre, POWERGRID, Gurgaon

ORDER

The Appellate Authority has received an online Appeal PGCIL/A/2019/60071 dated 28th September 2019 from Sh. Jugal Kumar. Earlier, the appellant herein had filed an online RTI application bearing number PGCIL/R/2019/50354, dated 5th August 2019, with the CPIO Corporate Centre, POWERGRID, seeking information related to candidates due for promotion from E5 to E6 (Manager to Chief Manager). The instant appeal has been filed by the appellant on the ground that CPIO has not provided the requisite information to him.

Decision

On receipt of the appeal, relevant papers and information provided by the CPIO vide letter dated 6th September 2019 were perused. It can be noticed that the CPIO has provided the information as was available with him in pursuance to the queries raised by the appellant in his RTI application. It was also informed by the CPIO that this is the 4th RTI appeal from the appellant in this matter. Be that as it
may, though the RTI Act does not have a provision to bar repetitive information sought by an applicant however, at the same time filing repetitive applications on the same lines cannot be the norm. It has been held by CIC in number of decisions that the applicant should not misuse the RTI by filing repetitive applications, and the authorities are not obliged to entertain such applications.

In my considered opinion answering enquiry type questions and repeated RTI applications would involve diversion of resources and energy, and the present case squarely falls under the same. In my opinion justice would be served if the appellant is allowed to visit POWERGRID office with prior appointment (30 days advance notice) to see the evaluation sheet. However, information related to a particular executive will be furnished subject to his/her consent and just exceptions under RTI Act.

he appeal is accordingly, disposed of.

(Sanjeev Singh)

ED (CMG) & Appellate Authority

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