ORDER

Grounds of Appeal

The Appellate Authority has received an online Appeal bearing number PGCIL/A/2018/60093 dated 24th December, 2019 from Sh. Pawan Kumar Verma. Earlier, the appellant herein had filed an application-bearing number PGCIL/R/2019/50520 dated 23rd November 2019, with the CPIO Corporate Centre, POWERGRID seeking information related to empanelment of vendors in the state of Uttar Pradesh for supply of 25 KVA, 63 KVA and 100 KVA transformers for DDUGJY/IPDS during 2016.

On receipt of the appeal, information provided by CPIO vide letter dated 23rd December 2019, and relevant papers were perused.

Decision

The instant appeal has been preferred by the appellant on the ground that the CPIO failed to provide the requisite information to him. The appellant basically is seeking the information related to empanelment of vendors in the state of Uttar Pradesh.
Pradesh for DDUGJY/IPDS during 2016. I have perused the letter dated 23rd December 2019, vide which the appellant was informed that POWERGRID’s representative was also involved in the process of empanelment of vendors after due authorization by Committee ‘B’ (formed as per the order of Ministry of Power) which then was handed over to REC for further action in the matter.

In my opinion the contention of the appellant that POWERGRID failed to provide the requisite information is unfounded as POWERGRID is not allowed to share any information/document related to the matter where its representative acted as a member of committee formed by Ministry of POWER (MoP). Under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005, only such information as is available and owned by the public authority or is under control of the public authority can be provided. In view of the foregoing I am of the opinion, the request of the appellant cannot be acceded to. However, CPIO may share the details of PIO of REC to the appellant.

The appeal is accordingly disposed of.

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