ORDER

Grounds of Appeal

The Appellate Authority has received an online Appeal bearing number PGCIL/A/E/20/00007 dated 16th February, 2020 from Sh. Narendra. Earlier, the appellant herein had filed an application-bearing number PGCIL/R/E/20/00015 dated 8th January 2020, with the CPIO Corporate Centre, POWERGRID seeking certain information related to at least 5 executives who have joined POWERGRID on lateral induction basis. The instant appeal has been preferred by the appellant on the ground that the CPIO has not provided the requisite information.

On receipt of the appeal, information provided by CPIO vide letter dated 21st January 2020, and relevant papers were perused.
Decision:
I have perused the reply dated 21st January 2020. CPIO has denied the information on the ground that the requested information is personal information of third party and same is exempted under section 8 (i) (j) of the RTI Act. Per Section 8 (1) (j), the information which relates to personal information and disclosure of which has no relationship to any public activity or interest is exempted from disclosure, in my opinion the information sought by the appellant related to date of joining, designation at the time of joining, previous organization name and designation in the previous organization does not fall within the exempted category. I have noticed that the appellant has not sought information by names, hence the information can be provided.
The appellant has also sought information related to arrears paid in respect of pay protection and place of posting as well. Be that as it may, this information cannot be provided as it squarely falls within the ambit of personal information moreover, the appellant has failed to show that the information sought has any relation to public activity or interest in fact in my considered opinion if this information is disclosed it would cause unnecessary invasion of the privacy of the individuals. On this count the same cannot be provided

In view of the foregoing CPIO is directed to provide information to the appellant as mentioned in the first paragraph of this order within seven days

The appeal is accordingly disposed of.

(Sanjeev Singh)
ED (CMG) & Appellate Authority

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