

Appeal No. 1754-02/2022

Pervez Iqbal

Vs

Gujranwala Electric Supply Company

Fawad Malik: Information Commissioner

A. APPEAL

1. Pervez Iqbal filed an application under the Right of Access to the Information Act, 2017. Through his application dated 27-10-2021 addressed to the Chief Executive Officer, Gujranwala Electric Supply Company he has sought following information pertaining to Tender No. CE (DEV) GEPCO /2020-21/STG-7 opened on 26.11.2020 for procurement of energy meters:

- i. *“In this regard it is intimated that GEPCO had floated tender no. CE (DEV) GEPCO /2020-21/STG-7 for procurement for HT Type CT& PT Operated 3/Phase 4-Wire, 3-Element, 3 – 63.5/110V, 5/10Amp, 50 Hz, accuracy class 0.2s meters. After finalization of Technical and financial evaluation GEPCO has issued purchase order No. STG-20-13/2255-59/CE/DEV/DO(T&G) DATED 22-06-2021.*
- ii. *It is requested to provide the complete evaluation report carried out by against the subject tender procurement under provisions of Para 5 (i) of subject Act 2017 being a citizen of Pakistan to proceed further in the matter which is reproduced below:
“reports including performance reports, audit reports, evaluation reports, inquiry of investigation reports and other reports that have been finalized.”*

2. Feeling aggrieved for the non-provision of the Information he has filed appeal before Pakistan Commission on access to information, Islamabad.

B. PROCEEDINGS

3. The Chief Engineering Development GEPCO vide letter dated 20-05-2022 has submitted the TENDER EVALUATION REPORT and FINAL EVALUATION REPORT of GEPCO pertaining to said project. The same were shared with the appellant who has shown his dissatisfaction with the reply to the following effect.

“The request against the subject appeal was to provide the complete evaluation report (technical and commercial) however, GEPCO has only provided commercial evaluation to PIC which was forwarded by PIC to me, hence not satisfied because Technical evaluation is still not provided by GEPCO”

C. COMMISSION’S VIEW

4. The appellant has desired the complete evaluation report carried out by Gujranwala Electric Supply Company against the Tender No. CE (DEV) GEPCO /2020-21/STG-7 opened on 26.11.2020 for procurement of energy meters.
5. The respondent public body has although provided the tender evaluation report and final evaluation report but the appellant has reiterated for the provision of the complete evaluation report i.e. technical and commercial.
6. The appellant in his request has asked for the provision of the complete evaluation report carried out by Gujranwala Electric Supply Company against the said tender. The public body has not claimed exemption of the desired information rather has not been able to provide the information up to the satisfaction of the appellant.
7. Section 5 of the Act mandates the publication of sort of information and record to the access of public at large in all the matters that have been finalized. The desired information and record falls within the sphere of the public record as described under the Act.

D. ORDER

8. The appeal is allowed. Chief Executive Officer, Gujranwala Electric Supply Company, Gujranwala is directed to furnish complete evaluation report i.e.

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technical and commercial to the appellant pertaining to Tender No. CE (DEV) GEPCO /2020-21/STG-7 opened on 26.11.2020, forthwith, but in any case not later than five days of the receipt of this order.

Mohammad Azam
Chief Information Commissioner

Fawad Malik
Information Commissioner

Zahid Abdullah
Information Commissioner

Announced on 26.07.2022

Certified that this order consists of 03 pages, each page has been read and signed