



महाराष्ट्र विद्युत नियामक आयोग

Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission



MERC/ADM/RTI/001/2022/020

Dt. 21.01.2022

To

Shri. Nitesh Nana Mhatre,
Shree Samarth Colony,
Near Radhe Krishna Park,
Hajimalang Road, Kalyan (E),
Pin – 421306.

Subject : Your application dated 30.12.2021 submitted under RTI Act 2005.

Sir,

Your application has been transfer from CERC vide its letter No. ADMIN-11037/1/2019-CERC/RTI CELL dated 4th January, 2022 under section 6 (3) RTI Act 2005 to the Public Information Officer, Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission, Mumbai. The office of the Commission is in receipt of your application through email dated 29.12.2021 under section 6 (1) RTI Act 2005 seeking information by the PIO as under:

Applicant has sought the information as under:-

No.	Information Sought	Information Provided
1	I am getting charged about 100 rupees per month in MSEB electricity bill towards Stheer Aakar as Fixed Charges. Want details how do I get that stop being charged to me. I heard that it is towards some Rental of Meter from MSEB, so if it is so then want to understand how to stop paying that.	<p>The information has sought, The Act does not permit raising imaginary questions and expecting the PIO to find answers for them.</p> <p>A Public Information Officer (PIO) is not expected to provide intangible such as interpretations, opinions, advices, explanations, reasons as they cannot be said to be included in the definition of information in Section 2(f) of the RTI Act, 2005. You may ask the information as per RTI Act, 2005 section 2(f) **</p>

**According to section 2(f) of the Act 'Information' means 'any material in any form'. Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions Department of Personnel Training No. 11/2/2008-IR dated 10th July, 2008. Careful reading of the definition of 'Information' and 'right to information' makes it clear that a citizen has a right to get the material, inspect the material, take notes from the material, take extracts or certified copies of the material, take samples of the material, take the material in the form of diskettes etc. The PIO is required to supply such material to the citizen who seeks it. The Act, however, does not require the PIO to deduce some conclusion from the 'material' and supply the 'conclusion' so deduced to the applicant. The PIO is required to supply the 'material, in form as held by the public authority and is not required to do research on behalf of the citizen to deduce anything from the material and then supply it to him.

Shri Anil Kumar Ukey, Director (Legal) In-charge is the first Appellate Authority for the purpose of Appeal under Sub- Section (1) of section 19 of the Right Information Act, 2005. Address: Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission, World Trade Centre, Centre No.1, 13th Floor, Cuffe Parade, Mumbai – 400005 Tel. No. 022-22163964/65/69. Email: anilkumar.ukey@merc.gov.in.

Yours faithfully,



(Pradeep Mohare)

Public Information Officer & Section Officer

Copy to :-

Shri Sachin Kumar,
Assistant Secretary(P&A),
Nodal Officer (RTI),
CERC, Ground Floor,
Chanderlok Bldg., 36, Janpath,
New Delhi-110001.