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Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission

MERC/RTI Case 01 of 2016/1305

18.01.2016

Shri Prof. Sham Patil,
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Dhule – 424001.

Sub: Application dated 29.12.2015 submitted under RTI Act 2005.

Shri Sham Patil has submitted an application dated 29.12.2015 under section 6 (1) RTI Act 2005 to the Public Information Officer, Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission, Mumbai. The said application has been received to the office of the Commission on 4th January, 2016.

An applicant has sought the information of the said letter under RTI Act as follows;

No.	Description of Information	Information
1.	As specified above the distribution licensee will be put to huge losses. These losses are to be passed on to other consumers. Has any study been made on "Financial Impact on losses to the Distribution licensee and on tariff for other consumers" because of Solar Rooftop net metering scheme? Please provide details of any such study with calculations if available.	The Working Committee report is available in this regard. (70 Pages)
2.	Similarly "Solar Pump Scheme is implemented by Govt. of Maharashtra" providing solar pump to the farmers, where they have access to grid power OR grid power can be easily provided, it does not make sense. Our calculations show that if 'Distribution licensee' pays back the loan then the cost impact is very high. Resultant cost of power is equivalent to Rs. 19 to Rs. 29 per kWh and the cost burden has to be transferred to the common consumers. In this regards please provide me information whether any study has been done to estimate financial impact of adoption of solar pumps on tariff of other common consumers? Please bring to our notice any such study made (Study about financial impact on common consumers and tariff is required. Any other study report of review or technical nature is not required). Please provide calculations.	Not available.

3.	<p>Time and when one of experts in solar energy “Prof. Dr. Ajay Chandak” has been submitting you a novel financing scheme for solar power which is much superior to solar rooftop net metering. The schemes are submitted to you with names “People’s Solar Power Scheme” OR “Pradhan Mantri Surya Shakti Yojna”. What cognizance been taken for these proposals till date? I have resubmitted the proposal on email against the objections for which public hearing was scheduled on 23rd Dec, 2015. Please let us know the status of review of the proposal.</p> <p>I am consumer representative on MERC and have raised point no. 3 during the meeting as well as at a public hearing at Nasik. I was promised to provide opportunity to make presentation to MERC board, but the same has not been done yet. Please provide the status of objections raised on email for the public hearing that was done on 23rd Dec, 2015.</p>	<p>The Commission through due regulatory process has notified MERC (Net metering for Roof-top Solar PV Systems) Regulations, 2015 on 10 September, 2015. As regards to status of objections raised during Public hearing held on 23 December, 2015, the same is under regulatory process and the final Order in Case No. 135 of 2015 will be notified in due course of time.</p>
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In case, if you are not satisfied with our reply, you may approach to Shri Anilkumar Ukey (Dy. Director-Legal), who is Appellate Authority, within thirty days from the receipt of the information as provided under section 19(1) of RTI Act 2005.

Yours faithfully,



(Pradeep Mohare)
Public Information Officer