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Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission



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अधिकार

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Dt. 19.04.2022

To

Shri Swapnil Vasant Sonawane
478//2/4, Godavari Saw Mill,
Near Nasardi Bridge,
Nashik Pune Road, Nashik – 420011.

Subject : Your application dated 09.02.2022.

Sir,

The office of the Commission is in receipt of your application dated 23.02.2022. As per RTI Act, 2005 Fees & Charges of RTI application you are not affixed or enclosed Rs. 10/- of Court Fee Stamp OR Postal Order with application (Copy attached herewith). Hence your application is not considered under the RTI application. Kindly request you to submit a fresh application along with court fee stamp or the postal order of Rs. 10/- as per RTI Act, 2005. After receiving your fees the application will be processed for further necessary action. If you are not sent appropriate fees as per RTI Act 2005 the application will be disposed off.

I shall inform you that as per RTI Act 2005 and after scrutinizing your application the act does not permit raising imaginary questions and expecting the PIO to find answers for them. A Public Information Officer (PIO) is not expected to provide intangible information such as interpretations, opinions, advice, 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).

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 form 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