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Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission



स्वच्छ भारत एम मदन स्वच्छत की और

MERC/ADM/RTI/013/2021/103

Dt. 31.03.2021

To, Shri. Subodh Bhide, EA-7 Khinvasara Fort, Ulkanagri, Near Riddhi Siddhi Hall, Garkheda Parisar, Pincode – 431001 Email:- ssbhidess67@gmail.com.

Subject: Your application dated 15.02.2021 submitted under RTI Act 2005.

The office of the Commission is in receipt of your application dated 22.02.2021 under section 6 (1) RTI Act 2005 seeking information by the PIO.

No.	Information Sought	Information Provided
1	Whether MERC verified that KVAH billing and its measurement by the meter is as per their Tariff Order	As per Sub-section (f) and (j) of Section (2) of RTI Act, it is not binding on the Commission to provide the information in the question answer format** The Commission in its MTR Order in Case No 195 of 2017 has described the rationale for introducing KVAH Billing. Accordingly, the Commission in its MYT Tariff Orders has implemented KVAH billing for HT consumers. The Distribution Licensees are billing to the consumers as per the approved Tariff Orders of the Commission.
2	Why PF= KWH/KVAH is being printed on Electricity bills confuse the customers as any indicative PF is also do not have any sense.	
3	Whether your order says to measure KVAH due to Distortion PF. Please specify in Yes or NO.	
4	Whether MERC has verified that meters are measuring KVAH as per applicable Tariff order.	

**Please note that above Tariff Order is available in public domain on the Commission website in downloadable format on www.merc.gov.in. As per the Hon'ble CIC decision No. CIC/YA/A/2014/000379/SB Dated 19.09.2016 in the matter of Shri. K. Lall Vs M. K. Bagri, Assistant Registrar of Companies and CPIO, Appeal No. CIC/AT/A/2007/00112, dated 12.04.2007, since the same is available in public domain, the PIO is not obliged to provide the same to the appellant under the RTI Act.

"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, Deputy Director (Legal) 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