



# महाराष्ट्र विद्युत नियामक आयोग

## Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission



MERC/ADM/RTI/018/2021/0111

Dt. 12.04.2021

To

Shri. Jigyesh Sharma,  
B-46, Shankar Park Society,  
Near Ravi Park Tarsali,  
Vadodara – 390009.

Subject : Your application dated 04.03.2021 submitted under RTI Act 2005.

Your application has been transfer from CERC vide its letter No. ADMIN-11037/1/2019-CERC/RTI CELL dated 05<sup>th</sup> March, 2021 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 Dated 09.03.2021 under section 6 (1) RTI Act 2005 seeking information by the PIO as under:

No.	Information Sought	Information Provided
1	On 12 <sup>th</sup> & 13 <sup>th</sup> Oct. 2020 there was complete black out in Mumbai Metropolitan Region (MMR) of Maharashtra State	Information has sought is nature of justification/ clarification the PIO is not supposed to answer the justification/ clarification.
	1. What was reason for blackout	Accordingly as per your query the partial Grid failure /disturbance occurred in Mumbai Metropolitan Region on 12 October, 2020 at 10.02 Hrs. The State Load Despatch Centre submitted its preliminary report to the Commission on 17 October, 2020. The Distribution Licensees such as Adani Electricity Mumbai Ltd. - Distribution, Tata Power Co. Ltd.-Distribution and BEST Undertaking also submitted letters intimating interruption of power supply to various areas of Mumbai.
	2. Kindly provide details of all root cause analysis, with graphs, charts & disturbance records.	The incidence of Grid Failure affected the consumers of the following Distribution Licensees :
	3. Why Khaparde committee report comments observation was not incorporated to avoid this kind of blackout.	a) The Brihanmumbai Electric Supply & Transport Undertaking,
	4. What is compensation for consumers on such black out.	b) Tata Power Company Ltd.-Distribution
	5. What are the measures taken to avoid such blackout in future.	c) Adani Electricity Mumbai Limited-Distribution
	6. Is this attack was on account of cyber security failure please justify your answer.	d) Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Co. Ltd.
		e) Indian Railways etc.
		The occurrence severely affected the power supply to a large section of population of MMR. Hence, occurrence was required to be taken cognizance of for ascertaining actions pertaining to dereliction of actions, if any, in operation and maintenance of lines, system security, failure of protection and to achieve intended islanding of critical load-generation balance for areas.
		Hence, the Commission took suo-motu cognizance of the incidence and held the hearing on 21 October 2020.

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		<p>The Commission vide its Order dated 22 October, 2020 in Case No. 202 of 2020 has ordered an enquiry of the Partial Grid Failure. The Commission vide its notification dated 22 October, 2020 has setup a High Level Committee (HLC) to find out root cause of the incident and suggest the remedial measures to ensure that such incidences do not recur in future. The HLC has been directed to submit the detailed report on the Partial Grid Disturbance within three months from the date of Order.</p> <p>The Committee has submitted the final report. Comments of the stakeholders obtained by the Commission on the report submitted by HLC. The comments submitted by the stakeholders are referred to the HLC for incorporation in the report and asked for submission of the report. Upon receipt of the final Report of the Committee incorporating the comments of the stakeholders, the Commission would take further decision in the matter in according to provisions of the Electricity Act, 2003.</p> <p>Kindly request you ask the information as per the section 2(F)**</p>
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*\*\*“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 10<sup>th</sup> 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”.*

Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions Department of Personnel Training No. 1/7/2009-IR dated 1st June, 2009. Information cannot include within its fold answers to the question “Why” which would be same thing as asking the reason for a justification for a particular thing. The PIO cannot expect to communicate to the citizen the reason why a certain thing was done or not done in the sense of a justification are matter within the domain of adjudication authorities and cannot properly be classified as information” This is not come under RTI.

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](mailto:anilkumar.ukey@merc.gov.in).

Yours faithfully,

  
(Pradeep Mohare)

Public Information Officer & Section Officer

**Copy to:-** Shri. Sachin Kumar, Nodal Officer (RTI), CERC, Ground Floor, Chandralok Building, 36, Janpath, New Delhi – 110001.