



# महाराष्ट्र विद्युत नियामक आयोग

## Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission



माहितीचा  
अधिकार



Dt. 25.03.2019

MERC/ADM/RTI/015/2019/175

To,  
Shri Rana Sangram Singh,  
1/ Suleman Niwas,  
Behind Parekh Apartment,  
Raheja Township,  
Malad (East), Mumbai – 400097.

Subject : Your application dated 22.02.2019 submitted under RTI Act 2005.

The office of the Commission is in receipt of your application dated 25.02.2019 under section 6 (1) RTI Act 2005 seeking information by the PIO.

No	Information Sought	Information Provide
1	Appointment of Mr. Abhijit Deshpande, Secretary to the Commission, whether on regular or deputation?	Mr. Abhijit Deshpande, Secretary to the Commission is on deputation from dated 12 July, 2018.
2	How many Review Petitions filed by MSEDCL is allowed by the Commission, since the appointment of Mr. Abhijit Deshpande as Secretary and Mr. A. V. Kulkarni as Chairman of the Commission? (List with case number only)	No person named Mr. A.V. Kulkarni has ever been appointed, nor is currently functioning as Chairman, Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission.
3	In how many such Review Petitions, Mr. A. V. Kulkarni Chairman, Mr. Abhijit Deshpande and Mr. Ashish Kumar Singh, Advocate, are part of? (List with case number only)	
4	In how many matters Mr. Ashish Kumar Singh, Advocate has appeared on behalf of the Commission before the courts including High Court, and/or advised to the Commission? (List with case number only)	1. PIL No. 93 of 2018 2. PIL No. 129 of 3. PIL No. 5 of 2018 4. Writ Petition numbers: a) 2681 of 2018 b) 2682 of 2018 c) 2686 of 2018 d) 2688 of 2018 e) 2793 of 2018 f) 2868 of 2018 g) 2912 of 2018

5	What is the procedure followed by the Commission to engage Mr. Ashish Kumar Singh, Advocate to appear on behalf of the Commission before courts including High Courts and also fixing of his professional fees?	Legal services of Advocates are availed on case to case basis, as per Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission (Standing Counsels: Terms and Conditions of Appointment) Regulation, 2004. Accordingly Shri. Ashish Singh has been engaged to represent Commission in various cases as listed above.
6	Copies of the professional fees (bills) raised by Mr. Ashish Kumar Singh Advocate towards his appearances on behalf of the Commission before courts including High Court and/or fees for advices to Commission in various matters?	This information is available with the Office of Commission. There are 12 pages in the bills submitted by Shri Ashish Singh. **
7	Mr. Ashish Kumar Singh, Advocate's standing at the Bar (tenure of practice/year)?	The Applicant may approach the appropriate authority in this regard.

\*\* As per the RTI (Fees & Charges) Act 2005 the relevant hard copies of the aforesaid documents, you have to deposit **Rs. 74/-** [12 pages x Rs. 2 per page + Rs. 50/- for postal charges] by demand draft payable at Mumbai in favour of Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission **OR** you have to personally visit to Commission's office to pay cash of Rs. 24/- and collect the aforesaid copies of documents.

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

Yours faithfully,



(Pradeep Mohare)

Public Information Officer & Section Officer