



# महाराष्ट्र विद्युत नियामक आयोग

## Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission



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Date: 19.09.2018

To,  
Dr. Parimal Jariwala,  
401, Dhirakunj B Wing,  
Cooperative Housing Society Ltd,  
4/A, Bajaj Road, Off Dadabahi Road,  
Near Fly over Bridge, Vile Parle (West),  
Mumbai – 400056.

Subject : Your RTI application dated 28.07.2018 under RTI Act 2005.

Sir,

The office of the Commission is in receipt of your application dated 31.07.2018 under section 6 (1) RTI Act 2005 seeking information by the PIO.

Applicant has sought the information as under:-

No	Information Sought	Information Provide
1	An owner of a residential flat is playing residential tariff (LT 1 (B)) for electric power consumed by him to Reliance Energy. He now stops residing in his flat and uses his entire flat (every square foot area) for providing ultra modern and luxurious loading & boarding to 13 students &/ or working women and charging market driven fees for the same (no subsidy or concession). None of the 13 inmate is relative or the family member of the owner. Neither the owner nor his family member is residing in the flat.	1) Applicability of Tariff and activities covered under Residential or Commercial and other categories are part of Tariff Order which is available on MERC website in downloadable format. 2) Tariff applicability of Residential and Commercial category of R-Infra (Now Adani) mentioned in Tariff Order Dated 21 October, 2016 are enclosed herewith (Total 5 pages).

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.

Yours faithfully,

(Pradeep Mohare)

Public Information Officer & Section Officer

**LOW TENSION (LT) TARIFF****LT I (A): LT – Residential (BPL)****Applicability:**

This Below Poverty Line (BPL) tariff category is applicable to Residential consumers who have a Sanctioned Load upto 0.25 kW and who have consumed upto 360 units per annum in the previous financial year. The eligibility of such consumers will be reassessed at the end of each financial year. If more than 360 units have been consumed in the previous financial year, the LTI (B) - Residential tariff shall thereafter be applicable, and such consumer cannot revert thereafter to the BPL category irrespective of his future consumption level.

The categorisation of BPL consumers will be reassessed at the end of the financial year on a pro rata basis if there has been consumption for only a part of the year. The categorisation of BPL consumers who have been added during the previous year would be assessed on a pro rata basis, i.e., 30 units per month.

This BPL category will also be applicable to all new consumers subsequently added in any month with a Sanctioned Load of upto 0.25 kW and consumption between 1 to 30 units (on pro rata basis of 1 unit/day) in the first billing month.

The BPL tariff is applicable only to individuals and not to institutions.

<b>Consumption Slab ( kWh)</b>	<b>Fixed /Demand Charge</b>	<b>Wheeling Charge (Rs/kWh)</b>	<b>Energy Charge (Rs./kWh)</b>	<b>Regulatory Asset Charge (Rs./kWh)</b>
BPL Category	10	1.53	0.80	0.27

**LT I (B): LT – Residential**

This tariff category is applicable for electricity used at Low/Medium Voltage for operating various appliances used for purposes such as lighting, heating, cooling, cooking, washing/cleaning, entertainment/leisure, water pumping in the following premises:

- a) Private residential premises, Government/semi-Government residential quarters;
- b) Premises used exclusively for worship, such as temples, gurudwaras, churches, mosques, etc.; provided that halls, gardens or any other part of such premises that may be let out for a consideration or used for commercial activities would be charged at the applicable LT-II tariff;



- c) All Students Hostels affiliated to Educational Institutions;
- d) All other Students' or Working Men/Women's Hostels;
- e) Other types of Homes/Hostels, such as (i) Homes/Hostels for Destitutes, Disabled Persons (physically or mentally handicapped persons, etc.) and mentally ill persons (ii) Remand Homes (iii) Dharamshalas, (iv) Rescue Homes, (v) Orphanages - subject to verification and confirmation by the Distribution Licensee's concerned Zonal Chief Engineer or equivalent;
- f) Government / Private / Co-operative Housing Colonies/complexes (where electricity is used exclusively for domestic purposes) only for common facilities such as Water Pumping / Street and other common area Lighting / Lifts /Parking Lots/ Fire-fighting Pumps and other equipment, etc.;
- g) Sports Clubs or facilities / Health Clubs or facilities / Gymnasium / Swimming Pool / Community Hall of Government / Private / Co-operative Housing Colonies/complexes - provided that they are situated in the same premises, and are for the exclusive use of the members and employees of such Housing Colonies/complexes;
- h) Telephone booths owned/operated by Persons with Disabilities/Handicapped persons;
- i) Residential premises used by professionals like Lawyers, Doctors, Engineers, Chartered Accountants, etc., in furtherance of their professional activities, but not including Nursing Homes and Surgical Wards or Hospitals;
- j) Single-phase household Flour Mills (Ghar-ghanti) used only for captive purposes;
- k) A residential LT consumer with consumption upto 500 units per month (current month of supply) who undertakes construction or renovation activity in his existing premises: such consumer shall not require a separate temporary connection, and would be billed at this Residential tariff rate;

Note:

This tariff category shall also be applicable to consumers who are supplied power at High Voltage for any of the purposes (a) to (k) above.

- l) Consumers undertaking business or commercial / industrial / non-residential activities from a part of their residence, whose monthly consumption is upto 300 units a month and annual consumption in the previous financial year was upto 3600 units. The applicability of this tariff to such consumers will be assessed at the end of each financial year. In case consumption has exceeded 3600 units in the previous financial

year, the consumer will thereafter not be eligible for the tariff under this category but be charged at the tariff otherwise applicable for such consumption, with prior intimation to him.

- m) Entities supplied electricity at a single point at Low/Medium Voltage for residential purposes, in accordance with the Electricity (Removal of Difficulties) Eighth Order, 2005, in the following cases:
- (i) a Co-operative Group Housing Society which owns the premises, for making electricity available to the members of such Society residing in the same premises for residential purposes; and
  - (ii) a person, for making electricity available to its employees residing in the same premises for residential purposes.

Consumption Slab (kWh)	Fixed/Demand Charge	Wheeling Charge (Rs./kWh)	Energy Charge (Rs./kWh)	Regulatory Asset Charge (Rs./kWh)
0-100 units	Rs. 55 per month <sup>\$\$</sup>	1.53	2.20	0.42
101 – 300 units	Rs. 85 per month <sup>\$\$</sup>	1.53	5.10	0.68
301 – 500 units		1.53	6.90	0.87
Above 500 units (balance units)	Rs. 110 per month <sup>\$\$</sup>	1.53	8.80	1.04

Note:

- a) <sup>\$\$</sup>The above Fixed Charges are for single-phase connections. A Fixed Charge of Rs. 110 per month will be levied on Residential consumers availing 3-phase supply. An Additional Fixed Charge of Rs. 110 per 10 kW load or part thereof above 10 kW load shall also be payable.
- b) Professionals like Lawyers, Doctors, Professional Engineers, Chartered Accountants, etc., occupying premises exclusively for conducting their profession, shall not be eligible for this tariff, and will be charged at the tariff applicable to the respective categories.

**LT II: LT – Non-Residential or Commercial**

Applicability:

This tariff category is applicable for electricity used at Low/Medium voltage in non-residential, non-industrial and/or commercial premises for commercial consumption meant for operating various appliances used for purposes such as lighting, heating,



cooling, cooking, washing/cleaning, entertainment/ leisure and water pumping in, but not limited to, the following premises:

- a) Non-Residential, Commercial and Business premises, including Shopping Malls and Showrooms;
- b) Combined lighting and power supply for facilities relating to Entertainment, including film studios, cinemas and theatres (including multiplexes), Hospitality, Leisure, Meeting/Town Halls, and places of Recreation and Public Entertainment;
- c) Offices, including Commercial Establishments;
- d) Marriage Halls, Hotels / Restaurants, Ice-cream parlours, Coffee Shops, Guest Houses, Internet / Cyber Cafes, Telephone Booths not covered under the LT I category, and Fax / Photocopy shops;
- e) Automobile and all other types of repairs, servicing and maintenance centres (unless specifically covered under another tariff category); Retail Gas Filling Stations, Petrol Pumps and Service Stations, including Garages;
- f) Tailoring Shops, Computer Training Institutes, Typing Institutes, Photo Laboratories, Laundries, Beauty Parlours and Saloons;
- g) Banks and ATM centres, Telephone Exchanges, TV Stations, Microwave Stations, Radio Stations, Telecommunications Towers;
- h) Common facilities, like Water Pumping / Lifts / Fire-Fighting Pumps and other equipment / Street and other common area Lighting, etc., in Commercial Complexes;
- i) Sports Clubs/facilities, Health Clubs/facilities, Gymnasiums, Swimming Pools not covered under any other category;
- j) External illumination of monuments/ historical/ heritage buildings approved by Maharashtra Tourism Development Corporation (MTDC) or the concerned Local Authority;
- k) Construction of all types of structures/ infrastructure such as buildings, bridges, fly-overs, dams, Power Stations, roads, Aerodromes, tunnels for laying of pipelines for all purposes, and which is not covered under the Temporary tariff category;

Note: Residential LT consumers with consumption above 500 units per month (current month of supply) and who undertake construction or renovation activity in their existing premises shall not require a separate Temporary category connection, and shall be billed at the LT-II Commercial Tariff rate;

- l) Milk Collection Centres;

- m) Sewage Treatment Plants/ Common Effluent Treatment Plants for Commercial Complexes not covered under the LT – Public Water Works or LT – Industry categories;
- n) Stand-alone Research and Development units not covered under any other category;
- o) Electrical Charging Centres for Vehicles; provided that, in case the consumer uses the electricity for charging his own vehicle at his premises, the tariff applicable shall be as per the category of such premises.

Consumption Slab ( kWh)	Fixed/ Demand Charge	Wheeling Charge (Rs/kWh)	Energy Charge (Rs./kWh)	Regulatory Asset Charge (Rs./kWh)
(A) 0-20 kW	Rs. 300 per month	1.53	6.85	1.06
(B) > 20 kW and ≤ 50 kW	Rs. 250 per kVA per month	1.53	6.95	1.04
(C) > 50 kW		1.53	7.60	1.07
<b>TOD Tariffs (in addition to above base Tariffs)</b>				
0600 to 0900 hours			0.00	
0900 to 1200 hours			0.50	
1200 to 1800 hours			0.00	
1800 to 2200 hours			1.00	
2200 to 0600 hours			-0.75	

Note:

The ToD tariff is applicable to the LT-II (B) and (C) categories, and optionally available to LT- II (A) category consumers having ToD meter installed.

**LT III: LT- Industry:**

**LT III (A): LT - Industry upto 20 kW load**

**LT III (B): LT - Industry, above 20 kW load**

Applicability:

This tariff category is applicable for electricity for Industrial use, at Low/Medium Voltage, for purposes of manufacturing and processing, including electricity used within such premises for general lighting, heating/cooling, etc.

It is also applicable for use of electricity / power supply for Administrative Offices / Canteens, Recreation Hall / Sports Club or facilities / Health Club or facilities/ Gymnasium / Swimming Pool exclusively meant for employees of the industry; lifts,

