## महाराष्ट्र विद्युत नियामक आयोग

## **Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission**



MERC/ADM/RTI/055/2023/0217

स्वच्छ भारत एक कदम स्वच्छता की और

Dt. 12.05.2023

To

Shri. Raju Nikam, Lakhandur Road, At - Amgaon, Tal. - Desaiganj (Vadasa), Dist. Gadchiroli, Pin: 441207.

Subject

: Your application dated 19.04.2023 submitted under RTI Act 2005.

Sir,

Your application has been transfer from Industries, Energy and Labour Department, Mantralaya, Mumbai vide its letter No. मাअअ-२०२३/प्र.क्र.१७३/ऊर्जा-५, Dated 21<sup>st</sup> April, 2023 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 through Mantralaya by email dated 24.04.2023 under section 6 (1) RTI Act 2005 seeking information by the PIO as under:-

No.	Information Sought	Information Provided
1	Office order of MERC/Minutes of Meeting of MERC/ Special directions of MERC which defines under which circumstances interest on \"undue charges\" collected by the licensee under regulation no. 9.2(b) is applicable and not applicable. Many CGRF & EO are giving verdicts of refund of undue charges without interest so that must be based on the directions of Hon'ble MERC. Hence, I need scanned copies of those directions at my email ID.	The Commission has notified "MERC (Consumer Grievance Redressal Forum & Electricity Ombudsman) Regulations, 2020" along with the Statement Of Reason (SOR) on dated 21 <sup>st</sup> September, 2020, wherein Commission has stated that refund on undue charges has to be paid to the complaint along with the interest at the rate of bank rate declared by RBI prevailing during the period, in case the Forum is satisfied after voting that any of the allegations contained in the grievance is correct. The Regulation 9.2(b) is self-explanatory.  Copies of the Regulations & SOR are available on downloadable form on Commission website 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.

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,

(Arun Walunj)

Public Information Officer & Under Secretary

## Copy to:-

Smt. Sangita Lande,
Public Information Officer / Section Officer,
Industries, Energy and Labour Department,
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Main Building, Hutatma Rajguru Chouk,
Madam Kama Marg, Mantralaya, Mumbai - 400032