

**Before the
MAHARASHTRA ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
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Date: 8 September, 2023

**CORAM: Sanjay Kumar, Chairperson
Anand M. Limaye, Member
Surendra J. Biyani, Member**

Case No. 181/MP/2023 & IA No. 51/IA/2023

Petition of Shri. Harshawardhan Jadhav flouting of Statutory provisions of the SoP Regulation in Particularly Regulation 22 for non-compliance with metering requirements including calibration and testing thereof as stipulated by the Statutory Regulations

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Application of Shri. Harshawardhan Raibhan Jadhav seeking urgent listing of Case No. 181/MP/2023.

Mr. Harshawardhan Jadhav (Ex. MLA) : Petitioner

Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Co. Ltd. (MSEDCL) : Respondent

Appearance:

For the Petitioner : Adv. Deepa Chawan

For the Respondent : Adv. Kiran Gandhi

Daily Order

1. Heard the Advocate of Petitioner and Respondent.
2. Advocate of the Petitioner has reiterated the submission made in the Petition and stated that provisions of MERC Supply Code and SoP regulations, 2021 relating to installation of Power Quality meters to Power Transformers and making data of such meter available on its website have not been complied with by MSEDCL even after the lapse of two years from the notification of the Regulations. She also highlighted that MSEDCL's self-declaration of exemption from the implementation of the Regulations and non-testing of the meters periodically are also the infringement of the Regulations. MSEDCL is liable to provide the compensation to the

consumers for non-fulfilling the various standards specified under MERC Supply Code and SoP Regulations, 2021.

3. Advocate of the Respondent stated that MSEDCL has never have intentions to become non-compliance of the Regulations, however facts cannot be denied the certain compliance has not been done due to various difficulties such as non-availability of agencies, lack of funding arrangements, etc. He further stated that the MSEDCL has planned to procure 1500 Power Quality meters in the first phase amounting to Rs. 64.47 Crs, out of total 6626 Nos, through the Capital budget for FY 2023-24.
4. The Commission directs MSEDCL to submit the additional affidavit within 15 days to provide details such as detail phase-wise plan for metering of Power Quality meters along with the complete statistics in terms of numbers of Power Transformer, phase-wise metering plan, financing plan, MSEDCL's plan for making metering data available online etc. MSEDCL also needs to submit its reply on Petitioner's contention of MSEDCL's self-declaration of the exemptions under MERC Supply Code and SoP Regulations.
5. The Petitioner to file rejoinder if any, within a week thereafter.
6. **The Commission has decided to list this case for further hearing at regular intervals of a month so as to monitor progress of compliance of Regulatory provisions.**
7. **Accordingly, next date of hearing in this matter will be intimated by the Secretariate of the Commission.**

Sd/-
(Surendra J. Biyani)
Member

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(Anand M. Limaye)
Member

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(Sanjay Kumar)
Chairperson