

MAHARASHTRA ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION MUMBAI

Information of the Commission

Pertaining to

17 Items of Section 4 (1) (b)

Under

Right to Information Act 2005

(Up to 1st January, 2024)

Right to Information Act, 2005

The Government of India has enacted the Right to Information Act, 2005 (<http://www.persmin.nic.in>) which has come into effect from October 12, 2005. The Right to Information under this Act is meant to give to the citizens of India access to information under control of public authorities to promote transparency and accountability in these Organizations.

Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission's Obligation under the Right to Information Act, 2005

The Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission (MERC) is a public authority as defined in the Right to Information Act, 2005. As such, the MERC is obliged to provide information to members of public.

MERC Website

The MERC maintains an active website (URL: <http://www.merc.gov.in>). Information released by the office of MERC is simultaneously made available on the website in pdf formats. The site is updated several times a day.

In keeping with its objective of bringing in greater transparency in its decision making process, the MERC is committed to releasing more and more information in public domain.

Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission, Mumbai
(Commission)
Information under Section 4 (1) (b) under Chapter II of the ‘Right to Information Act, 2005
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The particulars of Commission

Name of the Organization	Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission
Establishment	The Govt. of Maharashtra, vide Notification dated August 5, 1999, established the Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission (MERC) consisting of a Chairperson and two Members under the Electricity Regulatory Commissions (ERC) Act, 1998.
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The functions and duties of the Commission

(1) The functions of the Commission under Section 86 (1) of the Electricity Act (EA), 2003 are as under:

- 1 Determine the tariff for generation, supply, transmission and wheeling of electricity wholesale, bulk or retail, as the case may be within the State;
- 2 Regulate electricity purchase and procurement process of distribution licensees including the price at which electricity shall be procured from the generating companies or licensees or from other sources through agreements for purchase of power for distribution of supply within the State;
- 3 Facilitate intra-State transmission and wheeling of electricity;
- 4 Issue Licenses to persons seeking to act as transmission licensees, distribution licensees, and electricity traders;
- 5 Promote cogeneration and generation of electricity from renewable sources of energy;
- 6 Adjudicate upon the disputes between the licensees and generation companies and to refer any dispute for arbitration;
- 7 Levy fee for the purposes of the Electricity Act 2003;
- 8 Specify State Grid Code;
- 9 Specify or enforce standards with respect to quality, continuity and reliability of service by Licensees
- 10 Fix the trading margin in the intra-State trading of electricity, if considered, necessary;
- 11 Discharges such other functions as may be assigned to it under this Act.

(2) Besides, under Section 86(2) of the Electricity Act 2003 , the Commission is also required to give advice to the State Government on (i) promotion of competition, efficiency and economy in activity of the electricity industry, (ii) promotion of investment in electricity industry, (iii) reorganization and restructuring of electricity industry in the State and (iv) matters concerning generation, transmission, distribution and trading of electricity or any other matter referred to it by the State Government.

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Section 4 (1) (b) (ii)

The powers and duties of Officers and Employees of the Commission

The Officers and employees are appointed by the Commission in accordance with Section 91 of the Electricity Act, 2003 and Rules prescribed there under. They discharge their official duties in accordance with the directions and instructions given by the Commission from time to time.

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The procedure followed in decision making process, including channels of supervision and accountability

The Commission, Secretary and Officers of the Commission follow the procedure laid down in the Electricity Act, 2003 and other applicable Rules and Regulations for this purpose.

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Section 4 (1) (b) (iv)

The norms set by the Commission for the discharge of its functions

The Commission is discharging its functions and duties in accordance with the provisions contained in the Electricity Act, 2003; and relevant Rules and Regulations therein.

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The Rules, Regulations, Instructions, Manuals and records, held by it or under its control or used by its employees for discharging its functions

All Rules and Regulations are available on the Commission's website i.e. www.merc.gov.in

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A statement of the categories of documents that are held by or under control of the Commission

(A) Quasi-judicial Documents

- 1) Daily Orders
- 2) Final Orders

(B) Quasi Legislative Documents Regulations

(C) List of Administrative Documents

- 1) Service Books of Employee
- 2) Purchase Register
- 3) Vehicle Log Book
- 4) Minutes of the meetings of the Commission
- 5) Minutes of the meetings of the State Advisory Committee
- 6) Annual Report

➤ **List of Account Documents**

- 1) Annual budget information
- 2) Cash Book/ Bank Book
- 3) Ledger, journal
- 4) Receipt – Payment Voucher
- 5) Receipt – Payment Account Statement
- 6) Income-Expenditure Statement
- 7) Balance Sheet

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The particulars of any arrangement that exists for consultation with, or representation by, the Members of the public in relation to the formulation of its policy or implementation thereof

While discharging its functions under Electricity Act, 2003, the MERC is required to undertake various activities such as:

1. To make Regulations;
2. To issue Tariff Orders and Licenses:
 - a) Determination of Tariff
 - b) Grant of License

While discharging the functions, MERC undertakes consultative process in communication with public of its Regulations and Tariff determination as details below:

1) To make Regulations:

The Commission follows a detailed and transparent process before issuing Regulations as specified in Electricity (Procedure for Previous Publication) Rules 2005 issued by Ministry of Power, Government of India. These notified Regulations are laid before both houses of State Legislature as per procedure followed under Section 182 of Electricity Act, 2003.

2) To issue Orders and Licenses:

- a) Determination of Tariff**
- b) Grant of License**

After the Petition is accepted by the Commission, the Commission determines the stages, manner, place, date and the time of the hearing of the matter, as considered appropriate for expeditious disposal in accordance with the Section 64 of Electricity Act, 2003. The Commission, accordingly directs the Petitioner that the Public Notice of the hearing may be advertised, for seeking suggestions, objections from public normally at least 3 weeks before the date fixed for the hearing, in not less than 2 daily newspapers in English language and in not less than 2 daily newspapers in Marathi language having wide circulation in that area alongwith Petition in brief and Executive Summary thereof. The Petitioner is also directed to make available a copy of the Petition alongwith its enclosures and Executive Summary to the public and also to place it on the web-site of the Petitioner. Accordingly, a Notice is published by the Petitioner inviting suggestions and objections to the Petition from the public.

After taking into consideration all submissions made by the Petitioner, all suggestions and objections from the public, responses of the Petitioner to the said suggestions/objections, issues raised during the public hearing and all relevant material, the final Order is issued by the Commission.

As regards the grant of Licence, the procedure as laid down in Section 15 of the Electricity Act, 2003, is also followed, mainly considering public suggestions / objections. Copy of the Commission's Order is put up on the Commission's web-site. Any affected person can file an Appeal against the Order of the Commission, before the Appellate Tribunal of Electricity.

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A statement of the boards, councils, committees and other bodies consisting of two or more persons constituted as part of the Commission or for the purpose of its advice, and as to whether meetings of those boards, councils, committees and other bodies are open to the public, or the minutes of such meetings are accessible for public

Electricity Ombudsman constituted by the Commission under MERC (Consumer Grievance Redressal Forum & Electricity Ombudsman) Regulations, 2020.

Name of the Body	Member	Objective	No. of Meetings held	Whether the Meetings are open to public	Minutes of the body are accessible for public
Electricity Ombudsman (Mumbai)	Smt. Vandana Krishna (Rtd. IAS)	To decide on the representations received against the decisions of the Consumers' Grievance Redressal Forums of the Licensees, in accordance with the MERC (Consumer Grievance Redressal Forum & Electricity Ombudsman) Regulations, 2020	Hearings are held as and when Required	Subject to the availability of space at the place of hearing OR Digital hearing through MS Team Software	Copies of the decisions given by Electricity Ombudsman are available on their Web-site.
Electricity Ombudsman (Nagpur)	Shri. Bhalchandra Yashwant Khandait				

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A directory of Officers and Employees of the Commission

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Sr. No	Name	Designation	Extension No.
Members of the Commission			
1.	Shri. Sanjay Kumar	Chairperson	111
2.	Shri. Anand Limaye	Member	113
3.	Shri. Surendra Biyani	Member	112
Officers and Employees			
4.	Dr. Rajendra Gangaram Ambekar	Secretary I/C - Executive Director	114 / 107
5.	Dr. Prafulla Shrihari Varhade	Director (Electrical Engineering)	108
6.	Shri. Ghanashyam Dhavaji Patil	Director (Tariff)	109
7.	Shri. Anilkumar Rupchand Ukey	Director (Legal) (I/c) - Deputy Director (Legal)	330
8.	Shri. Popat Abhiman Khandare	Deputy Director (Technical)	222
9.	Shri. Siddharth Baburao Rokade	Deputy Director (Technical)	237
10.	Shri. Rakesh Shashikant Guhagarkar	Deputy Director (Technical)	235
11.	Shri. Balu Lahu Ugale	Deputy Director (Technical)	238
12.	Shri. Sachin Basant Bayas	Deputy Director (Technical)	234
13.	Shri. Pravin Yashawant Ganvir	Deputy Director (Technical)	263
14.	Shri. Raviraj Vilas Kadam	Deputy Director (Technical) - (on Deputation)	233
15.	Shri. Harshal Prabhakar Patil	Deputy Director (Technical) - (on Deputation)	240
16.	Shri. Abhijeet Vitthalrao Chatuphale	Deputy Director (Adm. & Fin.) - (on Deputation)	347
17.	Shri. Harshal Manohar Patil	Deputy Director (Adm. & Fin.) - (on Deputation)	346

18.	Shri. Arun Vasant Walunj	Under Secretary	252
19.	Shri. Pradeep Dnyandev Mohare	Section Officer	143
20.	Smt. Hemlata Pramod Moti	Section Officer	189
21.	Shri. Sandeep Janardan Naware	Database / Web Administrator	397/194
22.	Smt. Sanjivani Chandrakant Bhosle	Assistant Account Officer - (on Deputation)	380
23.	Smt. Dhanshri Yogesh Kumbhar	Assistant Director (On Deputation)	251
24.	Shri. Shriniwas Subbarao Koduri	PA (Selection Grade)	114
25.	Ms. Sulabha Dattatray Lingayat	PA (Selection Grade)	112
26.	Smt. Sangeeta Babu Kotian	PA (Selection Grade)	113
27.	Ms. Annamary Das Pillai	PA (Higher Grade)	111
28.	Smt. Nanda Prasad Sathe	Receptionist-cum Telephone Operator –cum- Office Assistant	100
29.	Shri. Amol Madhukar Khandagale	Clerk-Typist-Office Assistant	380
30.	Shri. Tushar Laxman Murudkar	Clerk-Typist-Office Assistant	384
31.	Shri. Ravidas Mhataraba Gijare	Clerk-Typist-Office Assistant	385
32.	Shri. Vikas Shivaji Sonawane	Clerk-Typist-Office Assistant	291
33.	Shri. Pravin Kashiram Dukhande	Clerk-Typist-Office Assistant	380
34.	Shri. Nitin Vilas Koli	Clerk-Typist-Office Assistant	264
35.	Shri. Sunil Dattaram Rane	Clerk-Typist-Office Assistant	326
36.	Smt. Anita Jaywant Ikke	Clerk-Typist-Office Assistant	361
37.	Shri. Ganesh Tarachand Jadhav	Clerk-Typist-Office Assistant	398
38.	Smt. Namrata Satish Sawant	Librarian-cum-Office Assistant	181
39.	Shri. Mangesh Muralidhar Bodke	Driver- cum- General Assistant	198
40.	Shri. Kishor Balkrushna Shelke	Driver –cum- General Assistant	198
41.	Shri. Vivek Vasudev Bagwe	Driver –cum- General Assistant	198
42.	Shri. Bhaguram Krushna Mane	Peon	198
43.	Smt. Swapnali Rajdeep Kamble	Peon	290

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**Monthly remuneration received by each of the officers and employees of the Commission, including the system of compensation as provided in its regulations.
(Salary for the month of December 2023, as per Seventh Pay Commission's Recommendations)**

Sr. No.	Name	Designation	Scale of Pay	Gross Salary (Rs.)
1	Shri Sanjay Kumar	Chairman	2,25,000 (Fixed)	2,61,000
2	Shri Anand Limaye	Member	2,25,000 (Fixed)	2,61,000
3	Shri Surendra Biyani	Member	Pay Matrix Level (S-31)	2,49,761
4	Dr. Rajendra Ambekar	Executive Director	Pay Matrix Level (S-30)	3,00,176
5	Dr. Prafulla Varhade	Director (Electrical Engineering)	Pay Matrix Level (S-30)	3,55,688
6	Shri Ghanashyam Patil	Director (Tariff)	Pay Matrix Level (S-29)	2,62,960
7	Shri Anilkumar Ukey	Director (Legal) (I/c)	Pay Matrix Level (S-25)	1,88,607
8	Shri Popat Khandare	Deputy Director (Technical)	Pay Matrix Level (S-25)	1,88,607
9	Shri Siddharth Rokade	Deputy Director (Technical)	Pay Matrix Level (S-25)	1,88,607
10	Shri Rakesh Guhagarkar	Deputy Director (Technical)	Pay Matrix Level (S-25)	1,88,607
11	Shri Balu Ugale	Deputy Director (Technical)	Pay Matrix Level (S-25)	1,88,607
12	Shri Pravin Ganvir	Deputy Director (Technical)	Pay Matrix Level (S-25)	1,63,522
13	Shri Raviraj Kadam	Deputy Director (Technical)	Pay Matrix Level (S-25)	1,58,851
14	Shri Harshal Patil	Deputy Director (Technical)	Pay Matrix Level (S-25)	1,63,522
15	Shri Harshal M Patil	Deputy Director (A & F)	Pay Matrix Level (S-25)	2,21,177
16	Shri Abhijeet Chatuphale	Deputy Director (A & F)	Pay Matrix Level (S-25)	1,15,634
17	Smt Rujuta Gadgil	Deputy Director (Technical)	Pay Matrix Level (S-25)	1,72,518
18	Shri Arun Walunj	Under Secretary	Pay Matrix Level (S-23)	1,45,657
19	Shri Pradeep Mohare	Section Officer	Pay Matrix Level (S-20)	1,11,459
20	Smt Hemlata Moti	Section Officer	Pay Matrix Level (S-20)	1,09,506
21	Shri Sandeep Naware	Database / web Administrator	Pay Matrix Level (S-15)	98,496
22	Smt Dhanashree Kumbhar	Assistant Director (Technical)	Pay Matrix Level (S-15)	1,19,083

23	Smt Sanjivani Bhosle	Assistant Accounts Officer	Pay Matrix Level (S-15)	86,483
24	Shri Shrinivas Koduri	PA (Selection Grade)	Pay Matrix Level (S-23)	1,77,835
25	Smt Sulabha Lingayat	PA (Selection Grade)	Pay Matrix Level (S-23)	1,77,835
26	Smt Sangeeta Kotian	PA (Selection Grade)	Pay Matrix Level (S-23)	1,49,809
27	Smt Annamary Pillai	PA (Higher Grade)	Pay Matrix Level (S-23)	1,37,526
28	Smt Nanda Sathe	Receptionist-cum-Telephone Operator-cum-Office Assistant	Pay Matrix Level (S-6)	49,264
29	Shri Amol Khandagale	Clerk Typist-cum-Office Assistant	Pay Matrix Level (S-17)	1,01,437
30	Shri Tushar Murudkar	Clerk Typist-cum-Office Assistant	Pay Matrix Level (S-17)	98,496
31	Shri Ravidas Gijare	Clerk Typist-cum-Office Assistant	Pay Matrix Level (S-17)	95,728
32	Shri Vikas Sonawane	Clerk Typist-cum-Office Assistant	Pay Matrix Level (S-15)	67,824
33	Shri Pravin Dukhande	Clerk Typist-cum-Office Assistant	Pay Matrix Level (S-6)	42,374
34	Shri Nitin Koli	Clerk Typist-cum-Office Assistant	Pay Matrix Level (S-6)	41,163
35	Shri Sunil Rane	Clerk Typist-cum-Office Assistant	Pay Matrix Level (S-6)	41,163
36	Smt Anita Ikke	Clerk Typist-cum-Office Assistant	Pay Matrix Level (S-6)	41,163
37	Shri Ganesh Jadhav	Clerk Typist-cum-Office Assistant	Pay Matrix Level (S-6)	41,163
38	Smt Namrata Sawant	Librarian-cum-Office Assistant	Pay Matrix Level (S-6)	50,648
39	Shri Kishor Shelke	Driver-cum-General Assistant	Pay Matrix Level (S-15)	98,496
40	Shri Mangesh Bodke	Driver-cum-General Assistant	Pay Matrix Level (S-15)	83,592
41	Shri Vivek Bagwe	Driver-cum-General Assistant	Pay Matrix Level (S-15)	89,500
42	Shri Bhaguram Mane	Peon	Pay Matrix Level (S-15)	94,690
43	Smt Swapnali Kamble	Peon	Pay Matrix Level (S-1)	27,075

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**Budget allocated to each of its agency, indicating the particulars of
Proposed expenditures and reports on disbursements made**

Statement of Actual Expenditure of MERC are as under-

Sr. No.	Financial Year	Amount (Rs.)
1	2018-19	24,01,70,042.90
2	2019-20	29,50,41,960.00
3	2020-21	24,86,44,293.00
4	2021-22	26,16,35,651.00
5	2022-23	*36,34,15,574.00

*Provisional Figures for FY 2022-23.

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**Manner of execution of subsidy programmes, including the amounts
allocated and the details of beneficiaries of such programmes**

No subsidies are disbursed by Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission.

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**Particulars of recipients of concessions, permits or authorizations granted
by the Commission**

The list of the Licenses issued by the Commission in the exercise of the powers conferred under Section 14 of Electricity Act, 2003 is available of Commission's website i. e. www.merc.gov.in

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**Details in respect of information, available to or held by the Commission,
reduced in electronic form**

All the relevant details including the Orders passed by the Commission from time to time and details of employment, procurement / tenders etc are also made available on the Commission's website in electronic form. For more details please see Commission's website www.merc.gov.in.

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The particulars of facilities available to citizens for obtaining information, including the working hours of a library or reading room, if maintained for public use

The information may be obtained by citizen or any person as per the provisions of RTI Act, 2005 and MERC (Transaction of Business and Fees and Charges) Regulations, 2022. A Library or reading room maintained for the Commission and its officers. However, with prior permission of the Commission it may available to public between office working hours from 9.30 to 18.00 hours. The address of the Commission and Telephone Numbers are as under:

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Names, designations and other particulars of the Public Information Officers

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Appellate Officer

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