

**Before the
MAHARASHTRA ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
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Date: 16 February 2024

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

IA No. 09 of 2024 in Case No 20 of 2024

**Interlocutory Application of MSEDCL for Urgent Listing in Case No. 20/MP/2024.
(Petition of MSEDCL for seeking guidance and directions for further course of action to
be taken for procurement of solar power under the Mukhyamantri Saur Krushi Vahini
Yojana 2.0.)**

Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Company Ltd. (MSEDCL)... Petitioner

Appearance:

For Petitioner:- Ms. Deepa Chawan (Adv.)

Daily Order

1. Heard Advocate for the Petitioner.
2. An advocate appearing on behalf of MSEDCL relied on MNRE Notification dated 09 February 2024 to justify urgency in the matter. She stated that said Notification will be effective from 1 April 2024 and may increase cost of installation of solar project and hence, existing bidding process under MSKVY 2.0 needs to be concluded on priority.
3. The Commission noted the urgency in the matter and expressed that distributed solar projects under MSKVY 2.0 need to be expediated. However, MSEDCL has not placed on records necessary information/details/proposal in the present Petition. Hence, the Commission directs MSEDCL to submit the following:
 - a. Report of the Bid Evaluation Committee on the reasonability of the rate discovered under the bidding process.
 - b. Time period within which e-reserve auction process needs to be concluded.
 - c. MSEDCL has stated that there is a possibility of reduction in rate on account of expected amendment in MNRE guidelines on account of increase period for SCOD and

for demonstration of CUF. However, MNRE is yet to notify such modification to guidelines. Under such circumstances whether it would be premature to seek such relief?

- d. If MSEDCL wish to renegotiate with bidders by allowing above stated changes in bid conditions, whether such proposal of changing bid conditions post submission of bid would be in accordance with CVC guidelines and transparent bidding process envisaged under the Electricity Act? Would it be considered as equitable for a person who have not participated in the present bid, but could have participated if such conditions are mentioned earlier?
 - e. Estimated saving that would be accrued over the period of project life if such rate is negotiated.
 - f. MSEDCL has also floated another bid with ceiling rate. Details of the same need to be submitted.
4. The Commission also notes that the Government of Maharashtra is an important stakeholder under MSKVY 2.0. Hence, it is also important to seek input from the Government on the above issues.
 5. MSEDCL and the Government of Maharashtra to file the above details on affidavit within 7 days.
 6. **The Commission lists Case No 20 of 2024 for e-hearing on 23 February 2024 at 10.30 am.**
 7. **With the above, IA No. 09 of 2024 for urgent listing stands disposed of.**

**Sd/-
(Surendra J. Biyani)
Member**

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(Anand M. Limaye)
Member**

**Sd/-
(Sanjay Kumar)
Chairperson**

**Sd/-
(Dr. Rajendra G. Ambekar)
Secretary, MERC**