



महाराष्ट्र विद्युत नियामक आयोग

Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission



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अधिकार



एकं बटुम स्वच्छता की ओर

NO.: MERC/ADM/RTI/020/2025/0170

Dt. 18.03.2025

To,
Shri. Kamlakar Ratnakar Shenoy,
B-903, Vaishali Apartment,
Opp. MTNL Exchange,
Sheth Motisha (love) Lane,
Mazgaon, Mumbai – 400010.

Subject : Your application dated 18.02.2025 submitted under RTI Act 2005.

Sir,

The office of the Commission is in receipt of your application on dated 20.02.2025 under section 6 (1) RTI Act 2005 seeking information by the PIO. Applicant has sought the information as under:-

No	Information Sought	Information Provide
	--- hearing on 17.02.2025 at 10.30am before Hon. MERC in MYT Petition submitted by BEST Undertaking.	
i	Live streaming done of the proceeding (it is integral part of the proceeding and a public document)	<p>The Commission has published Practice Direction on operational procedure and protocol to be followed for e-filing and e-hearing of the petition before the Commission on the Commission's website on 14.11.2022. Also Annexed the detailed procedure for e-hearing.</p> <p>In the said Annexure it is stated that the audio / video / recording of e-hearing shall not be made available to the Advocates / parties in person or public.</p> <p>Above mentioned documents are available on website of the Commission (www.merc.gov.in) in downloadable format.</p> <p>Further the RTI Act, 2005 amended from time to time has exempted PIO to give restricted information. Relevant extract of the Section of RTI Act, 2005 is reproduced below:</p> <p><i>"8. Exemption from disclosure of information:-- (1) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, there shall be no obligation to give any citizen,---</i></p> <p>...</p> <p><i>(b) information which has been expressly forbidden to be published by any court of law or tribunal or the disclosure of which may constitute contempt of court;</i></p>

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		In view of above, it is noted that as per the Practice Direction on operational procedure and protocol to be followed for e-filing and e-hearing of the petition before the Commission and Annexure of the detailed procedure for e-hearing, the sharing of audio / video / recording of e-hearing shall not be made available to the Advocates / parties in person or public.
ii	Action taken on my letter Dt. 17.02.2025 emailed on 18.02.2025 objecting to certain way of the proceeding being conducted.	<p>The information in Case No. 207 of 2024 in the matter of MYT petition of BEST Undertaking.</p> <p>The Commission is quasi-judicial body and the matter in Case No. 207 of 2024 is ongoing before the Commission.</p> <p>The Case No. 207 of 2024 is Sub-Judice before the Commission.</p>

Shri Abhijeet Chatuphale, Joint Director (Admin & Finance) 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: abhijeet.chatuphale@merc.gov.in.

Yours faithfully,



(Arun Walunj)

Public Information Officer & Joint Director (Adm.& Fin.)