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Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission



माहितीचा
अधिकार



Dt. 12.02.2025

NO.: MERC/ADM/RTI/008/2025/0106

To,
Shri. Anilkumar Rupchand Ukey,
Director (Legal) (In charge),
11th Floor, MERC Office, Mumbai.

Subject : Your application dated 17.01.2025 submitted under RTI Act 2005.

Sir,

The office of the Commission is in receipt of your application on dated 17.01.2025 under section 6 (1) RTI Act 2005 seeking information by the PIO. Applicant has sought the information as under:

No	Information Sought	Information Provide
	Inspection of the Bakshi Committee Report and relevant information. From the constitution of Bakshi Committee i.e. 2023-2024	
1	Inspection of the Bakshi Committee Report.	The PIO notes that the RTI applicant has sought information for Inspection of Bakshi Committee Report and Attested copy of the Report. It is observed that the Commission in its Statement of Reason (SoR) for MERC (Recruitment and Conditions of Service of Employees) Regulations, 2024 published on the Commission's website and has categorically held that said report has confidential information about its employee and hence has restricted to be made public.
2	Subsequently an attested copy of the Bakshi Committee Report.	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: "8. Exemption from disclosure of information.— (1) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, there shall be no obligation to give any citizen,— ... (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; In view of above, it is noted that as per the SoR of MERC (Recruitment and Conditions of Service of Employees) Regulations 2024, the sharing of Committee Report is restricted due to

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		the inclusion of personal and confidential details of employees.
3	The total fees / payment made to the Bakshi Committee for rendering administrative services for finalization of the Bakshi Committee Report from the public money / public exchequer.	As per the definition of information in Section 2(f) of the RTI Act, 2005, the PIO is not supposed to provide intangible interpretations such as opinions, advices, explanations, reasons as they can not be part of term definition.

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 & Deputy Director (Adm.& Fin.)