



महाराष्ट्र विद्युत नियामक आयोग

Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission



NO.: MERC/ADM/RTI/039/2025/0246

Dt. 29.04.2025

To,
Shri. Manoranjan S. Roy,
Rizvi Park, Room No. 10,
1st Floor, H-Wing, S. V. Road,
Santacruz (W), Mumbai – 400054.

Subject : Your application dated 14.04.2025 submitted under RTI Act 2005.

Sir,

The office of the Commission is in receipt of your application on dated 16.04.2025 under section 6 (1) RTI Act 2005 seeking information by the PIO. Applicant has sought the information as under:-

No	Information Sought	Information Provide
I	Which company BEST Limited, REL/RIL, BEST, Tata Power and Adani Electric Limited. Security deposit taken from public for installing electric meter, how much security deposit is deposited with MERC from year 2000 to March 2025 year wise and Company wise.	Information asked in question format. The Act does not expect the PIO to find answers for raised question.
II	Which Company BEST Ltd., REL/RIL, BEST, Tata Power and Adani Electric Ltd has removed the old meter and installed automatic electronic meter in which year? And where has the company kept the old meter after removing it, how many meters has it kept, has it been sold as scrap and if so, for how much money has it been sold.	A Public Information Officer (PIO) is not expected to provide intangible such as interpretations, opinions, advices, explanations, reasons as they are not included in the definition of information in Section 2(f) of the RTI Act, 2005.*
III	Which Company Aadani Electric Ltd. and Tata Power, after getting the lap report of the electronic meter tested, got the copy of the lap report certificate installed at our consumers home, company, factory, shop etc. and in which company how many new automatic electronic meters have been installed after removing the old ones, copy of the MERC approval for installation of new automatic electronic meters.	
IV	In an automatic electronic meter the light keeps on continuously, how many units of this light are there in one meter in a month, the copy of the meter tested by MERC.	

* Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions Department of Personnel Training No. 11/2/2008-IR dated 10th July, 2008 mentioned that, "According to section 2(f) of the Act, 'information' means 'any material in any form'. A citizen, under the Act, has a right to get 'material' from a public authority which is held by or under the control of that public authority. The right includes inspection of work, documents, records; taking notes, extracts or certified copies of documents or records; taking certified samples of material; taking information in the form of diskettes, floppies, tapes video cassettes or in any other electronic mode or through printouts where such information is stored in a computer or in

any other device. Careful reading of the definition of 'information' and 'right to information' makes it clear that a citizen has a right to get the material, inspect the material, take notes from the material, take extracts or certified copies of the material, take samples of the material, take the material in the form of diskettes etc. The PIO is required to supply such material to the citizen who seeks it. The Act, however, does not require the Public Information Officer to deduce some conclusion from the 'material' and supply the 'conclusion' so deduced to the applicant. The PIO is required to supply the 'material' in the form as held by the public authority and is not required to do research on behalf of the citizen to deduce anything from the material and then supply it to him".

As per Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions Department of Personnel Training No. 1/7/2009-IR dated 1st June, 2009. "The definition of information cannot include within its fold answers to the question "Why" which would be same thing as asking the reason for a justification for a particular thing. The PIO cannot expect to communicate to the citizen the reason why a certain thing was done or not done in the sense of a justification because the citizen makes a requisition about information. Justification are matter within the domain of adjudicating authorities and cannot properly be classified as information."

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.)