

NOTICE

**Subject: Violation of Load Shedding Protocol
- Case No. 35 of 2005.**

The Commission has received a complaint from Maharashtra Rajya Irrigation Federation (MRIF) dated January 4, 2007, stating that MSEDCL is undertaking load shedding in excess of 12 hours in several areas, and hence action should be initiated against MSEDCL under Section 142 of the EA 2003 for non-compliance with the Commission's Orders.

2. In this context, the Commission had sought a reply from MSEDCL through its letter ref: MERC/Case 35 of 2005/240 dated January 31, 2007, to provide details of the person who authorized this deviation in the load shedding protocol, and the action taken by MSEDCL against such person/s for authorizing the deviation. In its letter, the Commission had also indicated that if satisfactory reply is not given, the Commission may have to initiate action against MSEDCL under Section 142 of the EA 2003 for the non-compliance with the Commission's Orders.

3. MSEDCL has submitted its reply on this matter vide its letter ref: Dir (Opr)LM/5251 dated 20.02.2007. After considering MSEDCL's reply, the Commission has decided to give MSEDCL an opportunity of being heard in the matter. This hearing is fixed on **Wednesday, 7th March, 2007 at 11.00 hours** in the office of the Commission at 13th Floor, Centre-1, World Trade Centre, Cuffe Parade, Mumbai 400 005.

4. During this hearing, MSEDCL should satisfy the Commission as to why S.142 of the EA 2003 should not be invoked against MSEDCL's officers.

Sd/-
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Secretary, MERC

- Encl: 1. Copy of letter sent by Maharashtra Rajya Irrigation Federation (MRIF) dated January 4, 2007
2. Copy of MSEDCL reply ref: Dir (Opr)LM/5251 dated 20.02.2007

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