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# MUMBAI REGIONAL CONGRESS COMMITTEE

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VICE - PRESIDENT  
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To,  
The Secretary - MERC,  
13<sup>th</sup> Floor, World Trade Center,  
Cuffe Parade, Mumbai.

**Sub: Appeal on behalf of residents of Mulund, Bhandup & Kanjurmarg to have power at par as compared to rest of Mumbai.**

Respected Sir,

As you must be aware that Mulund, Bhandup, Kanjurmarg which are the integral parts of Mumbai are experiencing a load shedding of 3 hours a day. The duration of load shedding will increase both during morning & evening as the summer season is yet to come, hence the situation might become even more critical. As a citizen of Mumbai, we the residents of these areas feel that we are receiving a step-motherly treatment as compared to citizens living in rest of Mumbai. We are paying equivalent taxes to Maharashtra Government at various levels but are still deprived of the electricity as compared to rest of Mumbai. This heavy load shedding is bringing physical as well as mental stress, botheration not only to residents of Mulund, Bhandup & Kanjurmarg but also to the small scale industry which is very widely spread in this township.

**We appreciate your decision taken for the city of Pune where you have empowered MSEDCL to buy extra power at a higher cost and further distribute it to the consumers at a higher rate. This has made Pune city a zero load shedding township.** We have been made to understand that MSEDCL has given a proposal to use surplus captive capacity as an option for managing the deficit situation. Also about 550 MW of power has been identified from Kawas (400 MW RTC) / Kayakulam (150 KW RTC) based on liquid fuel and urgent steps are needed if this power is to be brought. Further there is a possibility of harnessing about 450 MW of power from the captive power plants in the state. This will not only ensure a sufficient power supply to the residents of Mulund, Bhandup and Kanjurmarg but the surplus can be distributed in other areas where ATC losses are less than 20%.

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I would like to make a specific mention of ATC losses for Mulund, Bhandup & Kanjurmarg are less than 14%. Hence the residents of these townships are eligible for this special favour from MERC as per your guideline & policy. The consumers in these townships are ready to pay a tariff which will be more than the existing one to get uninterrupted 24hrs supply of quality power. This may be termed as **reliability charge** which will cover the cost of power to be purchased by MSEDCL from captive units or as stated above.

We pray,

- 1) That MSEDCL may be permitted to book this power for a minimum period of six months & start purchasing the ~~power~~ power from Kawas/Kayakulam and CPP because if we do not act fast, it is likely that this power may get sold to other entities and this request will then be infructuous.
- 2) That justice should be done by the Hon'ble Commission keeping in view the facts and circumstances of the case, where people of one part of Mumbai are enjoying uninterrupted power whereas others are facing acute load shedding.

**If required we the residents of Mulund, Bhandup & Kanjurmarg would like to meet you in person.**

Your earlier response will be appreciated.

Regards,

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