

भारत सरकार / Government of India
केन्द्रीय विद्युत प्राधिकरण / Central Electricity Authority
विधि प्रभाग / Legal Division

To,

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Sub: RTI Application of Shri Kamlakar Ratnakar Shenoy under Right to Information RTI Act, 2005.

Sir/Madam,

With reference to your RTI application received by this office on 01/09/2026, the information available on record and falling within the purview of the Right to Information Act, 2005 is furnished below in response to the queries raised therein.

Information Sought	Reply
<u>1. Draft Meter Amendment Regulations, 2026</u> a. section under electricity act relied upon to issue gazette dt. 1.4.26 violation several provisions of electricity act as well State Metrology act. b. Exact clause mandating smart meters to replace compulsorily in place of conventional meters, and exact clause restricting or stopping production of conventional meters. if any along with section of electricity act relied upon.	For information sought at serial no. 1 to 3: No information available with this CPIO
<u>2. State-Owned Companies: Eligibility Criteria and 15% AT&C Loss Target</u> a. Exact RDSS eligibility criteria for a State-owned distribution company to qualify for smart-meter sanction, including the 15% AT&C loss-reduction target/objective. b. Whether this criterion /objective has been violated i.e. smart meters sanctioned/funded despite the target not being met and reasons recorded. if any. c. all materials relied upon to and order disclosing BEST Tata power. Adani electricity Torrent and MSEDCL come within ambit of RDSS scheme	
<u>3. Compulsion to Install Smart Meters and Stoppage of Conventional Meter</u>	

<p>a. section of electricity act to replace an old or defective conventional meter with a smart meter against the wish of the consumer, and the option. if any, to retain a convention meter.</p> <p>b. section of electricity act relied upon to stop production/supply of conventional mete or restricted. to force smart meters only under what order, and from when along with and designation of members who signed.</p> <p>c. section of electricity act as well article of Constitution permitting a disconnection notice under Section 163 even after the consumer has given access and objected to t installation as illegal. in violation of the Electricity Act and binding precedent and the electric company failure to reply point wise as well as to grant meeting under live vie recording to public.</p>	
<p><u>4. Action Taken on Legal Notice dated 27.05.2026 and Final Reminder dated 21.07.2026</u></p> <p>a. Date of receipt and complete action-taken report on both notices, with any reply or file noting.</p> <p>b. Reasons recorded for not replying within the stipulated time, and for not following the binding precedents cited therein (S.N. Mukherjee v. Union of India, AIR 1990 SC 1984, State of Jha hand v, Jitendra Kumar Srivastava, Civil Appeal 6770 of 2013: Harish Aroras. Registrar of Societies, 2025 SCC online Bom 2833).</p>	<p>Two Legal Notices dated 27.05.2026 and 21.07.2026 were received in this office through email. A reply to the said Legal Notices has furnished vide email dated 05.10.2026, and a copy of the said reply is enclosed herewith for reference.</p>
<p><u>5. Legal Metrology Compliance</u></p> <p>a. provides model approval under Section 22 and verification/stamping under Section 24 of the Legal Metrology Act, 2009, are preconditions before a smart meter is used for billing, and any exemption relied upon.</p>	<p><u>For information sought at serial no. 5 to 9:</u></p>
<p><u>6. Cost-Benefit Analysis and Consumer Protection</u></p> <p>a. Certified copy any cost-benefit study relied upon by CEA in mandating/promoting smart meters and the expected reduction, if any, in cost per unit to consumers.</p> <p>b. Remaining useful life of conventional meters presently in use, and the financial wastage, if a assessed by CEA from replacing functioning meters before the end of their useful life.</p> <p>c. electricity act disclosing that such expenses are to be borne by consumers.</p>	<p>No information available with this CPIO</p>
<p><u>7. Directions Issued to States, DISCOMs and Nodal Agencies</u></p> <p>a. Certified copies of all circulars, model regulations or directions issued by CEA to State Commissions, distribution licensees or nodal agencies (including under RDSS) concerning compulsory installation of smart meters and the sections under electricity act which permits CE A to deny the consumer choice of meters to be installed.</p>	

b. Certified copies of correspondence between CEA and the Ministry of Power BEE/BIS concerning compulsory phasing out of conventional meters and compulsory installation of smart meters along with sections of electricity act relied upon.

8. Peak/Time-of-Day Tariff and Remote Functions Linked to Smart Meters

a. section under electricity act under which smart meters are linked to Time-of-Day or peak-hour tariff, remote disconnection/reconnection, remote load limitation, or remote configuration.

b. Certified document/order stating that peak-hour tariff will never be increased in future; if no such document exists, kindly state that no such record is available.

c. Certified copy of the technical specification or standard relied upon for each such remote function.

9. Complete Record

a. Please provide an indexed, page-numbered set of certified copies of all documents on the above points, with document name, date and page number for each answer. If any information is not on record, kindly state so specifically.

Your appeal against the above decision lies with the Deputy Director, Legal Division, Central Electricity Authority, New Delhi-110066 within 30 days from the date of receipt of this letter.

Encl: As above


05/10/2026

Yours sincerely,

(Suresh Kumar Kadela)

Assistant Director (Legal) & CPIO

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1. Sonam Srivastava, DD, IC&C Division, CEA