

FACTS AND REASONS BEHIND THE DECISIONS TO CONSIDER SCENARIO V FOR THE LOAD SHEDDING PROTOCOL

“Hon’ble MERC has issued an order in case no.77/78 of 2008 on date 28.11.2008 regarding revision of the Principles and Protocols of Load Shedding hours in the State of Maharashtra. In this order Commission has approved Scenarios of load shedding for different levels of demand-supply gap. Out of these, Scenario V is reproduced as below which is considered by MSEDCL for implementation:

| Scenario | Group | Other Region | Ag. Dominated | MIDC & Equivalent having a staggering day | Industries connected on Express feeders | Load Relief in MW | Load relief in MU |
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| V | A | 3.15 | 11.00 | 24 hrs/week | Nil | 4600-5000 MW | 101.71 |
| | B | 4.00 | 11.30 | | | | |
| | C | 4.45 | 12.00 | | | | |
| | D | 5.30 | 12.30 | | | | |
| | E | 6.15 | 13.00 | | | | |
| | F | 7.00 | 13.00 | | | | |

It is not certain as to whether the protocol given by Hon’ble MERC will be able to meet the grid conditions and safety. MSEDCL is in process of challenging this order in Hon’ble Appellate Tribunal for Electricity, New Delhi and also advice of Central Electricity Authority (CEA) is being sought. As per the order by the Hon’ble Supreme Court in SLP No.11437 & 11438 of 05 decided on 13.05.2005, it is the responsibility of MSEDCL to do load shedding in consultation with Hon’ble MERC. It is the responsibility of MSEDCL to maintain grid discipline and safety as well.

Considering the fact that Hon’ble MERC has passed order in case no.77/78 of 2008 on date 28.11.2008 on this issue, MSEDCL has decided to implement Scenario-V in the interim period with immediate effect. In case it is felt that MSEDCL remains under drawing from grid for substantial period then it will reviewed periodically to decide the further implementation as envisaged under Scenario IV, III, II, I as the case may be.”