

NSEFI Leads Industry Efforts in Securing Transparent and Consultative Regulatory Process Before the Bombay High Court

The National Solar Energy Federation of India (NSEFI) has once again reinforced its role as the collective voice of India's renewable energy industry by successfully advocating for transparency, stakeholder participation, and regulatory accountability in proceedings before the Hon'ble Bombay High Court.

In a significant pronouncement dated 03.11.2025, the High Court set aside the Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission (MERC) Review Order dated 25.06.2025, which had drastically altered the solar banking framework introduced under the MYT Tariff Order dated 28.03.2025. The Review Order had confined the drawal of banked solar energy to limited "solar hours" (0900 to 1700 hrs), effectively undermining the banking mechanism that enables renewable developers to balance generation and consumption across the day.

The Court observed that MERC's Review Order was passed without any public notice or stakeholder consultation, in violation of the Electricity Act, 2003, and the MERC Regulations, and directed that the matter be reconsidered afresh after providing a full opportunity of hearing to all affected stakeholders. The order pronounced by the Court reaffirms that transparency, procedural fairness, and participatory consultation are foundational to tariff-making and review processes.

The Original MYT Order dated 28.03.2025 will continue to remain in effect until a fresh decision is issued by MERC.

This development highlights NSEFI's continued commitment to ensuring policy stability, regulatory predictability, and investor confidence in the renewable energy sector. Through sustained advocacy and coordinated legal efforts, NSEFI stood at the forefront of protecting the interests of renewable developers and promoting fair regulatory practices in Maharashtra. NSEFI acknowledges the contribution of its members, counsel, and legal partners, with **Divyanshu** coordinating the process to ensure effective representation of the renewable energy sector's interests. NSEFI remains committed to promoting transparency, fairness, and stakeholder participation in India's renewable energy regulatory framework.