ORDER

In exercise of the powers conferred in the Regulation 26 of the MERC (Consumer Grievance Redressal Forum and Electricity Ombudsman) Regulations, 2006, and further to the Order No. MERC/CGRF/116/2006 dated 5th May 2006, the Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission hereby orders that an Advocate can be allowed to be present as audience at the time of proceedings before the Consumer Grievance Redressal Forum/ Electricity Ombudsman, as long as such Advocate is not representing the case of any consumer or Distribution Licensee before the Forum/ Electricity Ombudsman. However, if the Consumer Grievance Redressal Forum/ Electricity Ombudsman have reasons to believe that an Advocate is advising a party (directly or indirectly), then the Consumer Grievance Redressal Forum/ Electricity Ombudsman may ask such an Advocate not to be present in the proceedings.

Sd/-

(K. N. Khawarey) Secretary, MERC