

COURT-1

IN THE APPELLATE TRIBUNAL FOR ELECTRICITY
(Appellate Jurisdiction)

DFR No : 173 of 2025 & IA No. 1771 OF 2025 & IA No. 1772 OF 2025 &
IA No. 1773 OF 2025 & IA No. 814 OF 2025 & IA No. 815 OF 2025

Dated: 25th November, 2025

Present : Hon`ble Mr. Justice Ramesh Ranganathan, Chairperson
Hon`ble Mr. Ajay Talegaonkar, Technical Member (Electricity)

In the matter of:

Dr. Reddys Laboratories Ltd. & Anr. Appellant(s)

Versus

Telangana Electricity Regulatory Commission & Ors. Respondent(s)

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ORDER

IA NO. 814 OF 2025

(For condonation of delay of 207 days in filing the appeal)

While the delay in filing this Appeal, as computed by the Registry is of 207 days, Section 64(4) of the Electricity Act, 2003 requires the Appropriate Commission to send a copy of the order, within seven days of making the order. Section 111(2) of the Electricity Act requires the

appeal to be filed within 45 days from the date on which a copy of the order, passed by the Appropriate Commission, is received by the aggrieved person. On a conjoint reading of Section 64(4) and Section 111(2), the delay in filing the appeal must be computed only from the date on which a copy of the order passed by the Commission is received by the Appellant. In the present case, while the order impugned in the appeal is, no doubt, dated 30.08.2024, it is not in dispute that a copy of the order was received by the Appellant only on 26.02.2025. Excluding the 45 days period of limitation computed from 26.06.2025, the delay in filing the appeal would be of a period less than a month. We see no reason, therefore, to non-suit the Appellant on the ground of delay. The delay is, accordingly, condoned and the application is disposed of.

IA NO. 1771 OF 2025 (For condonation of delay of 98 days in filing reply by R-2) &
IA NO. 1772 OF 2025 (For condonation of delay of 98 days in filing reply by R-2) &
IA NO. 1773 OF 2025 (For condonation of delay of 98 days in filing reply by R-2)

Despite repeated reminders of the need to file pleadings within the time sought for by the Counsel themselves, requests such as these are still being made seeking further extension of time for completing pleadings. Such requests not only disable us from striving to achieve the objective of the Act to dispose of the main Appeals within the statutorily prescribed period of 180 days, but also results in needless wastage of precious court time, which can be more usefully spent in hearing Appeals on merits.

The present case is yet another instance of procrastination. We, however, see no reason to deny the 2nd Respondent an opportunity to file their replies. We consider it appropriate to condone the delay on condition that the 2nd Respondents pay costs of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand only) each (total Rs.75,000/-) to the Central Transmission Utility of India Limited (CTUIL) within four weeks, and file proof payment in the Registry within two weeks thereafter. Subject to compliance with the aforesaid directions, the delay in filing replies is

condoned, and the replies filed by the 2nd Respondent shall be taken on record. The applications are disposed of.

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Reply shall be filed by the Respondents within six weeks and rejoinder, if any, shall be filed within four weeks' thereafter.

Post the IA on **06.01.2026**.

Ajay Talegaonkar
Technical Member (Electricity)

Justice Ramesh Ranganathan
Chairperson

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