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IN THE APPELLATE TRIBUNAL FOR ELECTRICITY
(Appellate Jurisdiction)

APL No. 293 OF 2025 & IA No. 1695 OF 2025 & IA No. 983 OF 2025

Dated: 13th November, 2025

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

In the matter of:

Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Company Limited	....	Appellant(s)
Versus		
Manas Agro Industries and Infrastructure Limited & Anr.	....	Respondent(s)

Counsel on record for the Appellant(s)	:	Udit Gupta Vyom Chaturvedi Amarendra Kumar Nishtha Goel Pragya Gupta Sneha Singh Deepshikha Kumar for App. 1
Counsel on record for the Respondent(s)	:	Shruti Iyer Muktai Rahatgaonkar Anandh K Ravi Deshmukh Nishita Jagetia Ang Bajaj for Res. 1

ORDER

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(For permission to file the reply by R-1)

The notice was ordered in the Appeal on 01.07.2025, returnable by 04.08.2025. When the matter was listed on 04.08.2025 Learned Counsel for the 1st Respondent did not enter appearance by filing a Vakalatnama. Ms. Shruti Iyer, Learned Counsel for the 1st Respondent, submits that her failure to file Vakalatnama before 04.08.2025, was because the 1st Respondent did not send the Vakalatnama within time.

Despite repeated reminders of the need to file Vakalatnama on time, parties, after filing vakalats at their convenience, are filing applications seeking time for completing pleadings. Such requests not only disable us from striving to achieve the objective of the Act to dispose of the Appeal within 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 1st Respondent an opportunity to file their reply. We consider it appropriate to permit them to file reply on condition that the 1st Respondent pays costs of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand only) to the Central Transmission Utility of India Limited (CTUIL) within four weeks, and file proof of payment in the Registry within two weeks thereafter. Subject to compliance with the aforesaid directions, the delay in filing reply is condoned, and the reply filed by the 1st Respondent shall be taken on record. The application is disposed of.

The 1st Respondent shall also intimate the CTUIL of the Appeal No. and the date of Order, in terms of which costs are being paid.

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Rejoinder, if any, shall be filed by the Appellant within two weeks.

Post the IA for interim relief on ***05.01.2026***.

Ajay Talegaonkar
Technical Member (Electricity)

Justice Ramesh Ranganathan
Chairperson

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