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IN THE APPELLATE TRIBUNAL FOR ELECTRICITY
(Appellate Jurisdiction)

DFR No : 252 of 2025 & IA No. 1084 OF 2025 & IA No. 1082 OF 2025 & IA No. 1083 OF 2025

**Dated: 30th October, 2025**

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

In the matter of:

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| Damodar Valley Power Consumers Association & Ors. | .... | Appellant(s) |
| Versus | | |
| West Bengal Electricity Regulatory Commission & Anr. | .... | Respondent(s) |

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## ORDER

IA NO. 1082 OF 2025
*(For condonation of delay of 67 days in filing the appeal)*

The explanation furnished for the delay of 67 days in filing the appeal is merely of administrative reason. The explanation, in our view, does not constitute sufficient cause for condonation. We are, however, of the view that the delay is not so inordinate as to justify denying the Appellant an opportunity of having their Appeal heard on merits, albeit on imposition of costs. We, therefore, direct that the delay of 67 days in filing the Appeal be condoned on condition that the Appellant pays costs of Rs.35,000/- (Rupees Thirty Five Thousand only) to the Central Transmission Utility of India Limited (CTUIL).

Mr. Rajiv Yadav, Learned Counsel for the Appellants, expresses urgency and states that the Appellant would pay costs, as directed hereinabove, within one week and file proof of payment in the Registry within one week thereafter. Time, as sought for, is granted. The Appellant shall pay the afore-said costs by 06.11.2025, and file proof of payment in the Registry before 13.11.2025.

The delay is condoned, and the application is disposed of, subject to compliance with the aforesaid directions.

Needless to state that, in case the aforesaid costs are not paid within the stipulated time and an affidavit of proof of payment is not filed in the Registry within one week thereafter, the application for condonation of delay in preferring the appeal, shall stand dismissed automatically, and the Appeal shall stand rejected. The application is disposed of.

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

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Both Mr. C. K. Rai, Learned Counsel for the 1st Respondent, and Mr. Shri Venkatesh, Learned Counsel for the 2nd Respondent, seek three

weeks' time to file their reply both in the IAs and in the main Appeal. Time, as sought for, is granted.

Post the matter on ***25.11.2025***.

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| Ajay Talegaonkar<br>Technical Member (Electricity) | Justice Ramesh Ranganathan<br>Chairperson |

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