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IN THE APPELLATE TRIBUNAL FOR ELECTRICITY
(Appellate Jurisdiction)

DFR No : 260 of 2025 & IA No. 1120 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:

South Bihar Power Distribution Company Limited & Anr. Appellant(s)

Versus

Powergrid Medinipur-jeerat Transmission Limited & Ors. Respondent(s)

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ORDER

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(For condonation of delay of 66 days in filing the appeal)

The explanation furnished for the delay of 66 days in the filing the appeal is of administrative reasons which does not constitute sufficient cause for condonation. We however, see no reason to deny the Appellant an opportunity of having their appeal heard on merits albeit on payment of costs. We consider it appropriate, under such circumstances,

to condone the delay on imposition of costs of Rs.35,000/- (Rupees Thirty Five Thousand only), which the Appellant shall pay to the Central Transmission Utility of India Limited (CTUIL) within four weeks, and files proof of payment in the Registry within two weeks thereafter. Subject to compliance with the aforesaid directions, the delay is condoned.

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 two weeks 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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Since affidavit of proof of service of notice on all the Respondents has been filed, failure to effect service of court notice on some of the Respondents, is of no consequence.

Reply shall be filed by the Respondents within six weeks and rejoinder, if any, shall be filed within four weeks' thereafter. After pleadings are complete, and after verification by the Registry, let this Appeal be included in the '**List of Finals**', to be taken up from there, in its turn.

Ajay Talegaonkar
Technical Member (Electricity)

Justice Ramesh Ranganathan
Chairperson

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