

COURT-1

IN THE APPELLATE TRIBUNAL FOR ELECTRICITY
(Appellate Jurisdiction)

APL No. 319 OF 2025 & IA No. 1126 OF 2025 & IA No. 1928 OF 2025

Dated: 6th January, 2026

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

In the matter of:

Tamil Nadu Power Distribution Corporation Limited (formerly
known as Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution Corporation Limited) Appellant(s)

Versus

Tamil Nadu Electricity Regulatory Commission & Anr. Respondent(s)

Counsel on record for the Appellant(s) : Anusha Nagarajan
for App. 1

Counsel on record for the Respondent(s) :
for Res. 1

Kumar Mihir
S.P. Parthasavathy
for Res. 2

ORDER

IA-1928/2025
(For condonation of delay in filing reply) (R-2) (15 days)

Despite repeated reminders of the need to file pleadings within the time sought for by the Counsel themselves, applications are still being filed 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 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 second Respondent an opportunity to file their reply. We consider it appropriate to permit them to file reply on condition that the second Respondent pays costs of Rs. 25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand only) to the Central Transmission Utility of India Limited (CTUIL) within three 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 second Respondent shall be taken on record.

The application is disposed of.

The second 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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Ms. Anusha Nagarajan, Learned Counsel for the Appellant seeks one week's time to file rejoinder to the reply filed by the second Respondent. Time, as sought for, is granted.

Ms. Anusha Nagarajan, Learned Counsel for the Appellant, points out that there is an urgency for the IA for interim relief to be heard since the second Respondent has already filed a petition, under Section 142 of the Electricity Act, before the Commission. Mr. Kumar Mihir, Learned Counsel for the second Respondent would fairly state that they would not press for

an adjudication of the Section 142 petition till the appeal is next listed for hearing.

Post the matter on **25.02.2026.**

Ajay Talegaonkar
Technical Member (Electricity)

Justice Ramesh Ranganathan
Chairperson

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