

COURT-1

IN THE APPELLATE TRIBUNAL FOR ELECTRICITY
(Appellate Jurisdiction)

APL No. 314 OF 2025 & IA No. 1986 OF 2025 & IA No. 51 OF 2026

Dated: 19th January, 2026

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

In the matter of:

Hindalco Industries Limited Appellant(s)

Versus

Central Transmission Utility of India Limited & Ors. Respondent(s)

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ORDER

IA-1986/2025

(For condonation of delay in filing rejoinder) (08 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 Appellant an opportunity to file their rejoinder. We consider it appropriate to permit them to file rejoinder on condition that the Appellant 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 rejoinder is condoned, and the rejoinder filed by the Appellant shall be taken on record.

The application is disposed of.

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

IA-51/2026

(For condonation of delay in filing rejoinder) (04 days)

Since the delay of 04 days in filing the rejoinder is not so inordinate as to justify refusal to hear the Appeal on merits, the delay is condoned, and the application is disposed of.

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Subject to compliance with the aforesaid directions, Registry to verify and then include the appeal 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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