

COURT-1

IN THE APPELLATE TRIBUNAL FOR ELECTRICITY
(Appellate Jurisdiction)

DFR No : 328 of 2025 & IA No. 1341 OF 2025 & IA No. 1342 OF 2025 &
IA No. 1450 OF 2025 & IA No. 1343 OF 2025

Dated: 15th January, 2026

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

In the matter of:

Electricity Department Andaman and Nicobar
Administration

.... Appellant(s)

Versus

NTPC Limited & Anr.

.... Respondent(s)

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for App. 1

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ORDER

IA No. 1916 OF 2023

(for Condonation of delay of 552 days in filing the appeal)

The explanation furnished for the delay is of administrative reasons. It is stated that there was a delay in obtaining approval of the Lieutenant Governor, and this caused the delay. This explanation, in our view, does

not constitute sufficient cause. While we have been extremely liberal in condoning delay in filing appeal with a view to enable parties to have their appeal adjudicated on its merits, we have, consistently confined condonation of delay in filing appeals without valid justification or sufficient cause, for a period of upto one year by imposing cost ranging Rs. 20,000/- to Rs. 2,00,000/-. In the present case, the delay is of approximately one and a half years and the explanation furnished of administrative reasons does not constitute sufficient cause for condonation of delay.

We see no reason, therefore, to condone the inordinate and unexpected delay in filing the appeal. The application for condonation of delay of 552 days in filing the appeal is dismissed and the appeal is rejected.

Ajay Talegaonkar
Technical Member (Electricity)

Justice Ramesh Ranganathan
Chairperson

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