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IN THE APPELLATE TRIBUNAL FOR ELECTRICITY
(Appellate Jurisdiction)

APL No. 283 OF 2024 & IA No. 2055 OF 2024 & IA No. 1114 OF 2024

Dated: 17th December, 2024

Present: Hon`ble Mr. Justice Ramesh Ranganathan, Chairperson
Hon`ble Ms. Seema Gupta, Technical Member (Electricity)

In the matter of:

Ramesh Kumar Rohilla	....	Appellant(s)
Versus		
Tata Power Delhi Distribution Limited & Anr.	....	Respondent(s)

Counsel on record for the Appellant(s)	:	Ramesh Kumar Rohilla (In Person) for App. 1
Counsel on record for the Respondent(s)	:	Manish Kumar Srivastava Sonam Sharma Hardik Vashisht Moksh Arora Santosh Ramdurg Riddhi Jain Rehan Verma for Res. 1 Vipul Ganda for Res. 2

ORDER

IA NO. 2055 OF 2024
(For extension of time filed by R-2)

We had, by order dated 18.07.2024 granted the 2nd Respondent six weeks' time to file reply. An application is now filed seeking further extension of time to file the said reply. Ms. Avnika Mishra, Learned Counsel appearing on behalf of Mr. Vipul Ganda for the 2nd Respondent, undertakes to file the reply in the Registry on or before 05.01.2025.

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 2nd Respondent an opportunity to file their reply. We consider it appropriate to permit them to file reply on condition that the 2nd 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 one week thereafter. Subject to compliance with the aforesaid directions, the IA is allowed and the delay in filing reply is condoned. The 2nd Respondent shall file their reply in the Registry on or before 05.01.2025. The application is disposed of.

The 2nd 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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Rejoinder, if any, shall be filed within two weeks of receipt of the reply.

Post the matter on ***21.01.2025***.

Seema Gupta
Technical Member (Electricity)

Justice Ramesh Ranganathan
Chairperson

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