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IN THE APPELLATE TRIBUNAL FOR ELECTRICITY  
(Appellate Jurisdiction)

APL No. 19 OF 2021 & IA No. 801 OF 2024

**Dated: 17<sup>th</sup> May, 2024**

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

In the matter of:

Southern Power Distribution Co of Telangana Ltd & Anr. .... Appellant(s)  
Versus

Telangana State Electricity Regulatory Commission & Anr. .... Respondent(s)

Counsel on record for the Appellant(s) : D. Abhinav Rao for App. 1  
D. Abhinav Rao for App. 2

Counsel on record for the Respondent(s) : Somandri Goud Katam for Res. 1  
Sonakshi Malhan for Res. 2

**ORDER**

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*(for condonation of delay in filing reply by R-2)*

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 2<sup>nd</sup> Respondent an opportunity to file their reply. We consider it appropriate to permit them to file reply on

condition that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Respondent 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 reply is condoned, and the reply filed by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Respondent shall be taken on record. The application is disposed of.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> 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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Mr. D. Das, learned Counsel for the Appellant, undertakes to file amended memo of parties in the Registry by 21.05.2024. His submission is recorded.

Subject to compliance with the aforesaid directions, let the appeal be re-included in the 'List of Finals', to be taken up from there, in its turn.

(Seema Gupta)  
Technical Member (Electricity)

(Justice Ramesh Ranganathan)  
Chairperson

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