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**IN THE APPELLATE TRIBUNAL FOR ELECTRICITY
(Appellate Jurisdiction)**

DFR No : 473 of 2025 & IA No. 1856 OF 2025

Dated: 13th February, 2026

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

In the matter of:

Chhattisgarh State Power Distribution Co. Ltd. Appellant(s)

Versus

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

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ORDER

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(For condonation of delay in filing the Appeal) (505 and 103 days)

While the delay, as recorded by the Registry, is of 505 days in filing the appeal, Mr. Ayush Singh, Learned Counsel for Applicant-Appellant, would submit that, in case the period spent by the Appellant in prosecuting the review petition is excluded, then the delay is of around 97 days.

The order, impugned in this appeal, was passed on 01.06.2024 and the Appellant filed a review petition there against on 11.09.2024. The Commission condoned the delay and dismissed the review petition on 08.07.2025. The Appellant claims to have received a copy of the order in the review petition on 14.07.2025. The delay, if computed from 14.07.2025 till the appeal was filed on 03.10.2025, is of 97 days.

Ordinarily the period spent by the Appellant in prosecuting the review petition is required to be excluded in computing the delay. If so excluded, and since furnishing the certified copy of the review order took further six days time, the delay thereafter is of 97 days.

The explanation furnished for the delay of 97 days is of administrative reasons which, in our view, does not constitute “sufficient cause” for condonation of delay. As the delay, in filing the appeal in the present case, is of 97 days, we deem it appropriate to condone the delay on condition that the Applicant-Appellant pays costs of Rs.35,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand only) to the Central Transmission Utility of India Limited (CTUIL) within four weeks from today, and files proof of payment in the Registry within two weeks thereafter.

Needless to state that, in case the aforesaid costs are not paid within four weeks from today and an affidavit of proof of payment is not filed in the Registry within two weeks thereafter, the application, for condonation of

delay in filing the appeal, shall stand dismissed automatically, and the Appeal shall stand rejected.

The IA is, accordingly, disposed of.

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

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Reply shall be filed within six weeks and rejoinder shall be filed within four weeks thereafter.

After pleadings are complete, 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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