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IN THE APPELLATE TRIBUNAL FOR ELECTRICITY
(Appellate Jurisdiction)

APL No. 174 OF 2025 & IA No. 1565 OF 2025

Dated: 5th December, 2025

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

In the matter of:

Damodar Valley Corporation .... Appellant(s)

Versus

Central Electricity Regulatory Commission & Ors. .... Respondent(s)

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for Res. 3

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for Res. 5

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Pratyush Singh

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for Res. 6

Rajiv Yadav
for Res. 8

ORDER

IA NO. 1565 OF 2025
(For condonation of delay of 156 days in filing reply by R-6)

Despite repeated reminders of the need to file pleadings within the time sought for by the Counsel themselves, requests such as these are still being made 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 main Appeals within the statutorily prescribed period of 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 6th Respondent an opportunity to file their reply. We consider it appropriate to permit them to file reply on condition that the 6th Respondent pays costs of Rs.25,000/-.

Ms. Nishtha Kumar, Learned Counsel for the 6th Respondent, undertakes to pay costs within two weeks from today and file proof of payment on or before 05.01.2026.

The 6th Respondent shall pay the said costs of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty-Five Thousand only) to the Central Transmission Utility of India Limited (CTUIL) within two weeks, and file proof of payment in the Registry on or before 05.01.2026. Subject to compliance with the

aforesaid directions, the delay in filing reply is condoned, and the reply filed by the 6th Respondent shall be taken on record. The application is disposed of.

The 6th 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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Ms. Swapna Seshadri, Learned Counsel for the Appellant, seeks one week's time to file rejoinder to the reply filed by the 6th Respondent. Time, as sought for, is granted.

After pleadings are complete, and after verification by the Registry, let this Appeal be re-included in the '**List of Finals**', to be taken up from there for hearing, in its turn.

Ajay Talegaonkar
Technical Member (Electricity)

Justice Ramesh Ranganathan
Chairperson

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