

**HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH :: AMARAVATHI**

**MAIN CASE NO: W.P.No.10824 of 2026**

**PROCEEDING SHEET**

| SL. NO. | DATE       | ORDER                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | OFFICE NOTE      |
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| 01.     | 23.04.2026 | <p><b><u>MRK, J</u></b></p> <p>1. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that, by way of impugned order in Lr. No. SE/O/VZM/SAO/AO(FIN)/AAO(FIN)/HT/IAOR/S. A./ D.No.673/2025 dated 31.12.2025 issued by the 3<sup>rd</sup> respondent to the petitioner, directing the petitioner company to pay an amount of Rs.1,67,86,660/- towards wheeling charges pertaining to the years 1996 to 2003 (for a period of six years).</p> <p>2. Thus, the said impugned order is under challenge in the present lis.</p> <p>3. Learned counsel for the petitioner raised two core issues in the lis. Firstly, the claim made by the respondent corporation is time-barred, as it seeks to revive billing charges relating to a period of about 20 years.</p> <p>4. Secondly, it is contended that there is no privity of contract between the petitioner and the respondents.</p> <p>5. He also placed reliance on the interim order dated 26.08.2020 passed in I.A. No. 1 of 2020 in W.P. No. 13752 of 2020 by the Hon'ble High Court for the State of Telangana at Hyderabad.</p> | <p>(contd..)</p> |

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|         |      | <p>6. According to the learned counsel for the petitioner, the Hon'ble Division Bench, after considering the contentious issues raised in the said writ petition, which are similar in nature to the present case, granted interim relief, and the said interim order is still in force.</p> <p>7. On the other hand, Sri Abdul Matheen, learned counsel representing Sri V.V. Satish, learned Standing Counsel for APEPDCL, seeks time to file comprehensive counter in the matter.</p> <p>8. In view of the above facts and circumstances, and upon a <i>prima facie</i> consideration, this Court is inclined to grant interim suspension as prayed for.</p> <p>9. Accordingly, the respondents are directed not to take any coercive steps, including disconnection of electricity supply to the petitioner company, pursuant to the notice dated 31.12.2025 issued by the 3<sup>rd</sup> respondent.</p> <p>10. Post after eight (08) weeks.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>MRK, J</b></p> <p>RMR</p> |             |