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IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH AT AMARAVATI
(SPECIAL ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)

MONDAY, THE 3rd DAY OF AUGUST, 2026.

:PRESENT:

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE VENKATESWARLU NIMMAGADDA

WRIT PETITION NO: 12006 OF 2026



Between:

M/s Virchow Laboratories Limited, Rep by its Manager P.Ravindra,
Authorised Signatory Having plant at Sy.No.451/1, Wadacheepurupalli,
(West) village, Dailaipalem Post, NTPC Simhadri, Anakapalli. HT
Service Connection No. VSP1059.

Petitioner

AND

1. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Energy Department, A.P. Secretariat,
2nd Block, Room No 141, Ground Floor, Velagapudi, Guntur District,
AP - 522 237.
2. The Eastern Power Distribution Company of Andhra Pradesh
(APEPDCL), Rep by its Chairman and Managing Director, P & T
Colony, Seethammadhara, Visakhapatnam - 530016.
3. The Superintending Officer, Anakapalli operating circle,
Anakapalli.531001

Respondents

Petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed therewith, the High Court may be pleased to issue an appropriate Writ, Order or Direction, more particularly one in the nature of a Writ of Mandamus, declaring the action of Respondent No.3 in issuing the demand notices vide (i) Lr.No. SE/O/ AKP/S AO/AO(FIN)/AAO(FIN)/ JAO/HT/S A/E.49120 4/D.N0.21594/2025, dated 10.12.2025 and (ii) Lr.No SE/O/AKP/SAO/AO(FIN)/AAO(FIN)/JAO/HT/SA/E.491204/D.N 0.23888/2025, dated 24.12.2025, as being arbitrary, illegal and violative of the

Petitioners rights guaranteed under Articles 14, 19(1)(g) of the Constitution of India, and consequently

a) Set aside the demand notices issued vide Lr. No. SE/O/AKP/SAO/AO(AO(FIN)/ AAO(FIN) /JAO/HT/S A/E.491204/D.N O.21594/2025, dated 10.12.2025 and Lr. No. SE/O/AKP/SAO/ AO(FIN)/AAO(FIN)/JAO /HT/SA/E.491204/D.No.23888/2025, dated 24.12.2025, insofar as they levy an amount of Rs.96,86,364/- upon the Petitioner for the period from February, 2024 to November, 2025;

b) direct the Respondents to refund to the Petitioner the amount of Rs.96,86,364/- paid under protest pursuant to the aforesaid demand notices, together with appropriate interest thereon, and further direct the Respondents to recompute the electricity bills from December, 2025 onwards strictly on "Net Metering" basis and refund/adjust the excess amount, if any, collected from the Petitioner;

c) direct the Respondents to continue billing the Petitioners 1000 KWp Rooftop Solar Project attached to HT Service Connection No. VSP1059 strictly in accordance with the Solar Rooftop Net/ Gross Metering Connection Agreement dated 20.07.2019, by applying the Net Metering system and not "Net Billing".

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Petition under Section 151 CPC is filed praying that in the circumstances stated in the grounds filed in support of the petition, the High Court may be pleased to direct the Respondents to continue calculating the monthly electricity consumption and charges payable by the petitioner company under the Net Metering methodology, in terms of the Solar Rooftop Net/Gross Metering Connection Agreement dated 20.07.2019, Pending disposal of WP 12006 of 2026, on the file of the High Court.

The petition is coming on for hearing, and upon perusing the Petition and the affidavit filed in support thereof and the earlier order of the High Court dated 29.04.2026 & 24.06.2026 made herein and upon hearing the arguments

of Sri VIVEK CHANDRA SEKHAR S, Advocate for the Petitioner, the Court made the following;

ORDER:

For filing counter affidavit, list on 24.08.2026.

Interim order granted earlier shall continue till next date of hearing.

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**SD/- J.GAYATRI DEVI
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR**

SECTION OFFICER

To,

1. One CC to SRI. VIVEK CHANDRA SEKHAR S Advocate [OPUC]
2. Two CCs to GP FOR ENERGY, High Court Of Andhra Pradesh. [OUT]
3. One CC to Sri V.V. SATISH, STANDING COUNSEL [OPUC]
4. One spare copy

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HIGH COURT

NV,J

DATED: 03.08.2026

LIST ON 24.08.2026.

ORDER

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INTERIM ORDER EXTENDED