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IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH AT AMARAVATI

TUESDAY, THE 4th DAY OF AUGUST, 2026

:PRESENT:

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE VENKATESWARLU NIMMAGADDA

WRIT PETITION NO: 14232 OF 2026



Between:

M/s Dr. Reddy's Laboratories Limited, Having its registered office at 8-2-337, Road No. 3, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad, Telangana Represented by its authorised signatory Mr. Gopala Krishna Gangavelli With Service Connection Nos. VSP-486, SKL-091, SKL-470

Petitioner

AND

1. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Energy Department, Secretariat Velagapudi, Amaravathi, Guntur District-522237 Rep. by its Principal Secretary
2. The Eastern Power Distribution Company of A.P. Ltd, Represented by its Chairman and Managing Director, 3rd floor. Corporate Office, P and T Colony, Seethammadra, Visakhapatnam- 530013
3. The Chief General Manager, RA and PP, APEPDCL, P and T Colony, Seethammadhara Visakhapatnam -530013
4. The Senior Accounts Officer, Operation Circle, APEPDCL, Vishakhapatnam- 530013
5. The Senior Accounts Officer, Operation Circle, APEPDCL, Srikakulam- 532001

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 pass an order or orders or direction more particularly one in the nature of a writ of mandamus declaring the action of the Respondents No. 2 to 5 herein in levying and demanding Rs. 1,25,63,261.68/- (Rupees One Crore Twenty Five Lakhs Sixty Three Thousand Two Hundred Sixty One and Sixty

Eight Raise Only) towards Cross Subsidy Surcharge, in the Petitioner's CC Bills for the month of April 2026, with Service Connection Nos. VSP- 486, SKL-470, SKL-091, for consuming the power generated by Captive Generation Plant viz., M/s 02 Renewable Energy IX Private Limited, for its captive use, as arbitrary, illegal, unjust, without jurisdiction and contrary Electricity Act, 2003 read with Electricity (Amendment) Rules, 2026 besides violative of petitioner's rights guaranteed under Article 14 and 19 (1) (g) of the Constitution of India and consequently restrain the Respondents herein from levying and demanding the Cross Subsidy Surcharge for consuming the power for Petitioner's captive use, pending the verification of the captive status for the financial year 2026-27.

IA NO: 2 OF 2026

Petition under Section 151 CPC praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed in support of the petition, the High Court may be pleased to restrain the Respondents herein from levying and demanding the Cross Subsidy Surcharge for consuming the power for Petitioner's captive use, pending the verification of the captive status for the financial year 2026- 27, Pending disposal of WP 14232 of 2026, on the file of the High Court.

IA NO: 1 OF 2026

Petition under Section 151 CPC praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed in support of the petition, the High Court may be pleased to direct the respondents not to take any coercive measures including disconnection of power supply against the Petitioner's unit with Service Connection Nos. VSP- 486, SKL-470, SKL-091 pursuant to the CC Bills for the month of April 2026 and Pending disposal of WP 14232 of 2026, on the file of the High Court.

The petition coming on for hearing, upon perusing the Petition and the affidavit filed in support thereof and upon hearing the arguments of M/s.CKR ASSOCIATES Advocate for the Petitioner, GP FOR ENERGY Advocate for the Respondent Nos.1, Sri V.V.Satish, Standing Counsel for APEPDCL Respondent Nos.2 to 5 and the Court made the following.

ORDER

Learned counsel for the writ petitioner requested time to submit additional documents regarding verification of Captive status with National Load Dispatch Centre (NLDC) as per the clause 7.2 read with 5.3 of Electricity Rules, 2005.

In the meanwhile, the writ petitioner is directed to pay regular consumption charges without fail as per the CC Bills except Cross Subsidy Surcharge.

If the Writ Petitioner complied with the above direction, the respondents are directed to not to take any coercive action against the writ petitioner, for a period of two weeks.

List on 12.08.2026.

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SD/- P.SIVA SITA RAMA KUMAR
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR
SECTION OFFICER

To,

1. The Principal Secretary, The Energy Department, State of Andhra Pradesh, Secretariat Velagapudi, Amaravathi, Guntur District-522237.
(By Special Messenger - along with a copy of petition and memorandum of grounds)
2. The Chairman and Managing Director, 3rd floor. Corporate Office, P and T Colony, Seethammadra, Visakhapatnam- 530013
3. The Chief General Manager, RA and PP, APEPDCL, P and T Colony, Seethammadhara Visakhapatnam - 530013
4. The Senior Accounts Officer, Operation Circle, APEPDCL, Vishakhapatnam- 530013
5. The Senior Accounts Officer, Operation Circle, APEPDCL, Srikakulam- 532001. (By Speed post – 2 to 5 - along with a copy of petition and memorandum of grounds)
6. One CC to SRI. CKR ASSOCIATES Advocate [OPUC]
7. Two CCs to GP FOR ENERGY, High Court Of Andhra Pradesh. [OUT]
8. One spare copy.

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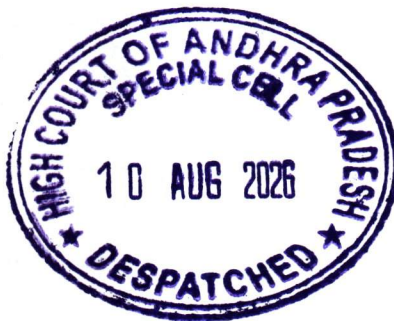
HIGH COURT

NV,J

DATED: 04/08/2026

LIST ON 12.08.2026

ORDER



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DIRECTION