

**HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA, AT HYDERABAD**

TUESDAY, THE THIRTY FIRST DAY OF MARCH,

TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX

**:PRESENT:**

**THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE NAGESH BHEEMAPAKA**

**WRIT PETITION NO: 9274 OF 2026**

**Between:**

M/s. Vestro Solvents Private Limited, Having its registered office at Jeedimetla PH V, Dundigal Mandal, Medchal Dist 500055, Rep. by its Authorized Signatory Mr. Rao Padmakar, S/o Rao Murali Ramakrishna Rao, Aged about 60 years, R/o Hyderabad. Service Connection No. SC No. 1011800378

**...Petitioner**

**AND**

1. Southern Power Distribution Company of Telangana Limited (TSSPDCL), Rep. by its Chairman & Managing Director, Corporate Office. Mint Compound, Hyderabad - 500063.
2. The Superintending Engineer, TSSPDCL, Medak Circle, Telangana.
3. The Divisional Engineer (Operation), TSSPDCL, Toopran, Medak District, Telangana.
4. The Asst. Divisional Engineer, DPE/MEDAK/HT-VI TSSPDCL.

**...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 a direction, order, or a writ, more particularly one in the nature of Writ of Mandamus,

a) declaring the action of the Respondent authorities in issuing the Final Assessment Order dated 10/02/2026, thereby reclassifying the Petitioner's service connection from LT Category-III (Industrial) to LT Category-II (Non-Domestic/Commercial) and raising a demand of ₹8,95,798/- towards back billing, as arbitrary, illegal, without jurisdiction, violative of Article 14 of the Constitution of India and contrary to the applicable tariff regulations, and set aside the same; and consequently directing the Respondents to treat and continue the Petitioners service connection under LT Category-III (Industrial),

b) directing the Respondents to revise the Petitioner's bills in accordance with LT Category-III (Industrial) and to refund or adjust any excess amounts collected, including surcharge or additional charges, in future Current Consumption (CC) bills,

c) Directing the Respondents to re-determine the connected load of the Petitioner's installation after due verification, and not to act upon any incorrect assessment including wrongful inclusion of non-existent equipment and standby equipment,

d) declaring the action of the Respondents in depicting the disputed amount under the head "Malpractice and Theft Amount" in the CC bill dated 02/03/2026 as illegal and arbitrary, and consequently direct the Respondents to withdraw the said bill and issue a duly revised bill strictly in accordance with law.

**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 stay all further proceedings pursuant to the Impugned Assessment Order issued by the 3rd Respondent bearing Order No. DEE/Op/Toopran/Comm/F.No.FAO/D.No.1824/25-26 dated 10/02/2026 against the petitioner, and to refrain from taking any coercive action against the Petitioner, pending disposal of WP 9274 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 Sri CHALLA KIRANMAYEE Advocate for the Petitioner and N. SREEDHAR REDDY Standing Counsel for TGSPDCL for Respondent Nos.1 to 4 and the Court made the following.

**ORDER:**

**Heard Ms. Challa Kiranmayee, learned counsel for the petitioner and Sri N. Sreedhar Reddy, learned Standing Counsel for TGSPDCL, for respondent Nos.1 to 4.**

**Post on 07.04.2026.**

**In the meantime, petitioner is directed to pay 25% of impugned Demand notice, and subject to such payment, the respondent authorities shall restore the power supply.**

Sd/- U.SUDHA  
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

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**SECTION OFFICER**

To,

1. The Chairman & Managing Director, Southern Power Distribution Company of Telangana Limited (TSSPDCL), Corporate Office. Mint Compound, Hyderabad - 500063.
2. The Superintending Engineer, TSSPDCL, Medak Circle, Telangana.
3. The Divisional Engineer (Operation), TSSPDCL, Toopran, Medak District, Telangana.
4. The Asst. Divisional Engineer, DPE/MEDAK/HT-VI TSSPDCL. (Addresses 1 to 4 by SPAD)
5. One CC to SRI. CHALLA KIRANMAYEE Advocate [OPUC]
6. One spare copy

HIGH COURT

NBKJ

DATED:31/03/2026

POST ON 07.04.2026



ORDER

WP.No.9274 of 2026

DIRECTION