



we are inclined to reduce the amount of deposit to be made by the petitioner-Company by 50% of the assessed amount as indicated in the third proviso to Section (1-A) of Section 135 of the Electricity Act, 2003. On making such payment to the MSEDCL, the authorized agent of the company may approach the Additional Executive Engineer, MSEDCL, Lonavala Subdivision Nangargaon, Lonavala, Taluka Maval, District – Pune with a proof of deposit, whereupon electricity connection at the premises of the petitioner-Company shall be restored.

5. Mr. Behramkamdin, the learned senior counsel for the petitioner-Company tenders a draft amendment. The draft amendment is taken on record. Amendment to be carried out and the petitioner shall file a fresh amended writ petition within a period of one week. Copy of the amended writ petition shall be supplied to the respondent no.2 at the address disclosed in the memo of the parties and to the learned retained counsel, if any, of the respondent no.2; and the proof thereof to be filed in the registry.

6. Reply affidavit to be filed by the next date.

7. Post the matter on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2026.

**[GAUTAM A. ANKHAD, J.]**

**[CHIEF JUSTICE]**

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