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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 22-04-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE M.DHANDAPANI

**WMP No. 17399 of 2026
in WP NO. 16171 OF 2026**

The Chief Financial Controller Revenue
Tamil Nadu Power Distribution Corporation
Limited,
7th Floor, 144, Anna Salai,
Chennai 600 002

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The Ministry of Power
Represented by its Secretary,
union of India, shram shakti Bhawan,
Rafi Marg, New Delhi 110 001
2. The Chief General Manager
P.F.C Consulting Limited, 9th Floor, A Wing
Statesman House, Barakhamba Lane,
Connaught Place, New Delhi 110 001, India
3. Vaayu (India) Power Corporation Private
Limited
Rep. by its Authorized Signatory, 2nd Floor,
Fagun Chamber No.4/26,
Ethiraj Salai, Chennai 600 105

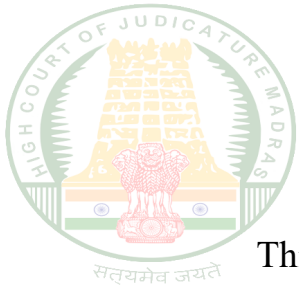
..Respondent(s)

For Petitioner(s):

Mr.P.S.Raman, learned A.G.
Assisted by Mr.Arun Kumar D.R

For Respondent(s):

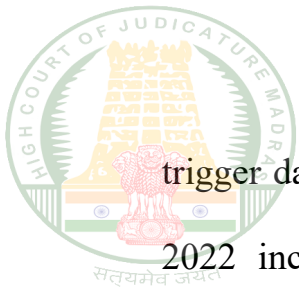
Mr.V.Ram Kumar R4
Mrs.P.J.Anitha RR1 & 2
Mr.Rahul Balaji, R3



ORDER

This petitioner has been filed to grant an order of interim injunction, restraining the respondents 1 and 2 from acting upon the invoice claim of Rs.19,03,42,085/- uploaded by the 3rd respondent on 26.02.2026 vide invoice No.VIPCPL/25-26/04, VIPCPL/25-26/02, VIPCPL/25-26/03, VIPCPL/25-26/05 in the PRAAPTI portal, and from invoking, initiating, permitting or giving effect to any coercive measure including regulation of power under the Electricity Late Payment Surcharge and Related Matters Rules, 2022 dated 03.06.2022, on the basis of such disputed and premature claim, pending disposal of the above writ petition.

2. The third respondent is an independent Power producer having entered into a Power Purchase agreement with TANGEDCO for sale of wind energy. For the period from 07.10.2020 to November 2021, no preferential tariff was fixed by the Tamil Nadu Electricity Regulatory Commission for the concerned category. Hence, the petitioner raised invoices at full APPC rate as per the binding orders of the Hon'ble APTEL. The third respondent returned the following invoices vide communication dated 05.03.2026 on the ground that comparative tariff is to be approved from the appropriate forum. Aggrieved by the same, the petitioner filed an appeal before the Hon'ble APTEL in DFR.No.154 of 2026 on 30.03.2026 and the same is pending. In the meanwhile, the 3rd respondent uploaded the said invoices in the PRAAPTI Portal and the



trigger date falls on 10.05.2026, after which, coercive action under LPS Rules, 2022 including regulation of power is automatic. Hence, the present writ petition.

3. The learned Advocate General appearing for the petitioner submitted that if stay is granted by the APTEL in the appeal, no amount is payable to the third respondent. However, the third respondent has already uploaded the invoices in the PRAAPTI Portal, in which, the trigger date falls on 10.05.2026. Therefore, urgent protection is needed.

4. Considering the prima facie case, balance of convenience and irreparable loss to the petitioner, and since the issue is sub-judice before the Hon'ble APTEL in D.F.R.No.154 of 2026, this Court grants an order of interim stay till 16.06.2026.

5. Post the matter on 16.06.2026 for filing counter. Notice.

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