

IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA
[CIRCUIT BENCH AT PORT BLAIR]

WPA(P)/11/2024

Shri Indra Pal Singh

Vs.

The Union of India and Others

Mr. Mohammed Tabraiz	... for the petitioner
Mr. V.D.Sivabalan	... for the UOI
Mr. Rakesh Kumar	... for the Administration
Mr. Arul Prasanth	... for the NTPC

November 3, 2025
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Item No.2

The revised report in the form of affidavit has been filed by the Administration.

Mr. Tabraiz, learned advocate for the petitioner submits that generation of 5.5 MW of electricity through D.G.Set, which was to be achieved within October, 2025, has since been achieved, as it appears from the record.

This Bench also observes that, since the last date, i.e October 27, 2025, the duration of load-shedding has reduced considerably. Accordingly, the revised schedule with lesser power cuts has been published and notified for the knowledge of the general public.

We have perused the time line furnished in the report which shows that within November 27, 2025, a further 10MW of electricity shall be generated.

We record the progress made on the part of the Administration and we hope and trust that the time lines are

adhered to. Further endeavour should be made by the Administration to achieve generation of electricity through D.G.Sets for the total consumption at Port Blair.

The agreement between the Administration and the NTPC with regard to setting up of LNG based 50 MW power plants at Home Town is pending active consideration. The parties are in the process of executing the agreement upon certain modifications and suggestions from all stakeholders. Necessary approvals are awaited with regard to financial implication.

We hope and trust that the said agreement shall be executed soon.

The report of the NTPC is taken on record. We find that the matter is under active consideration. A time line has been mentioned with regard to the tendering process and completion of the project. However, unless the agreement is executed between the NTPC and the Administration, we do not wish to comment on the time line set forth by the NTPC. However, it is expected that the respondents involved in the major project shall use all their resources to ensure that generation of electricity in Port Blair is achieved as per the requirement.

Let this matter appear in the next Circuit available on 19th December, 2025.

All the respondents shall file further reports with regard to the targets sought to be achieved by the Administration and execution of the agreement between NTPC and the Administration.

Mr. V.D.Sivabalan, learned advocate for the Union assures that the Union of India will provide necessary approval to the Administration for the mega project, as public interest is involved.

(Shampa Sarkar, J.)

(Ananya Bandyopadhyay, J.)