

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
Mr. Mohammed Sharukh ... for the petitioner

Mr. Shatadru Chakraborty, Sr.Adv.
Mr. Rakesh Kumar
Mr. Dibesh Dwivedi ...for the Administration

Mr. Tulsi Lall ... for the Union of India

Mr. Uttam Kumar Mandal ... for the respondent no.5

February 05, 2025

[SR]

Item No.3

1. Matter is heard in presence of the learned advocates representing the petitioner, Union of India and additional respondent/National Thermal Power Corporation Limited (NTPC Ltd.)

2. On perusal of the affidavit used on behalf of the Union of India, it appears that under para 6.5(I), it has been stated that the Union of India has directed the National Thermal Power Corporation Limited (NPTC Ltd.) to re-initiate the process of installation of 50 MW Re-gasified Liquefied Natural Gas (RLNG) based power plant in Sri Vijaya Puram (Port Blair) for enhancing the capacity to supply electricity to the inhabitants and establishments in the islands.

3. It is also stated therein that a Notice Inviting Tender has been published on 7th November, 2024 but after that steps taken by NTPC Ltd is not apprised to this Court. Learned

advocate representing NTPC Ltd has prayed for accommodation to file report in the form of affidavit disclosing the measures taken by such authority for enhancing the capacity of supply of electricity in the islands.

4. Since it is also stated in paragraph 6.5 (III) that steps are being taken for installation of 20 MWh, Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) by Solar Energy Corporation of India Limited (SECI), we find it apt to grant leave to the learned advocate representing petitioner to further amend the cause title of the writ petitioner and add Solar Energy Corporation of India Limited (SECI) as another additional respondent in course of this day.

5. After such amendment, Solar Energy Corporation of India Limited shall be served with notice enclosing copy of the writ petition and affidavit as well as the order passed by this Court today by ten days from date and affidavit of service shall be filed on the next date.

6. Hearing of this matter stands adjourned till 19th February, 2025 when it will appear before the Coordinate Bench subject to convenience in order to enable the NTPC Ltd to file report disclosing the steps taken in the meantime.

(Saugata Bhattacharyya, J.)

(Partha Sarathi Chatterjee, J.)