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IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
AT AMARAVATI
(Special Original Jurisdiction)

THURSDAY, THE 8th DAY OF OCTOBER 2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE VENKATESWARLU NIMMAGADDA

WRIT PETITION NO: 19756 OF 2015

Between:

1. M/S. SANDHYA SPINNING MILL LTD.,KRISHNA DIST., Gopinenipalem Village, Vatsavai Mandal, Krishna District, AP, Rep: by its General Manager, Sri K.Somasekhara Varma, S/o. K.Satyanaryana Raju Aged 48 years.

...Petitioner

AND

1. A P S P D C L CHITTOOR DIST 2 OTRS, Andhra Pradesh Limited, Rep: by its Chairman & Managing Director, Tirupati, Chittoor District, Andhra Pradesh.

2. The Superintending Engineer Operation Circle The, Southern Power Distribution Corporation of Andhra Pradesh Limited, Vijayawada, Krishna District, Andhra Pradesh.

3. The Senior Accounts Officer Operation The, Southern Power Distribution Corporation of Andhra Pradesh Limited, Vijayawada, Krishna District, Andhra Pradesh.

...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 toto issue a writ, order or direction more particularly one in the nature of a Writ of Mandamus, declaring the action of respondents in levying

penalties for the period form April-2013 to July-2013 as per Lr.No.SE/O/VJA/SAO/JAO-HT/R2/A3/D.No.714/15, dated: 11.05.2015 and Lr.No.SE/O/VJA/SAO/JAO-HT/R2/A3/D.No.953/15, dated: 19.06.2015 as illegal, arbitrary and violative of National Electricity Policy and Electricity Act, 2003 and consequently set-aside the same

Counsel for the Petitioner: M/S INDUS LAW FIRM

Counsel for the Respondents: JAGARLAMUDI KOTESWARI DEVI (SC FOR APSPDCL)

Counsel for the Respondents: V V SATISH

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The Court made the following order:

Learned counsel for the Writ Petitioner submits that the petitioner did not give any instructions to the counsel to proceed further in this writ petition since last four occasions. Hence, prays this Court to dismiss this Writ Petition with liberty to the writ petitioner, to file fresh application for electricity service connection, if so required.

2. On the other hand learned Standing Counsel for the Respondents had furnished the Written Instructions dated 05.08.2026 submitted by the Senior Accounts officer, Operation Circle, APCPDCL, Vijayawada. Relevant portion of the written instructions is usefully extracted hereunder:

> *"2.* ***Status of Service****: The service has been under* ***Bill Stopped*** *status since the* ***December, 2023*** *billing month due to the said service was disconnected in* ***Oct-2023*** *on the consumer's request for permanent dismantlement.*
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> *3.* ***Security Deposit****: The Security Deposit balance is* ***Nil****, as an amount of* ***Rs.72,48,550/-*** *was adjusted towards the outstanding CC charges after the service was brought under bill-stopped status.*
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> *4.* ***Outstanding Dues****: An amount of* ***Rs.75,994/-*** *is outstanding as on* ***05-08-2026*** *towards FPPCA charges pertaining to the financial year 2022-23, which were raised in the December 2024 ledger.*

> *5.* ***Nature of the case****: The subject Writ Petition pertains to the levy of* ***Restriction & Control (R&C) Measures*** *Penal Charges for the period from the April 2013 to June 2013 billing months."*

3. The above extracts would indicate that the electricity service connection of the Writ Petitioner has been under 'Bill Stopped Status' since December, 2023 billing month, as the said service was disconnected in October-2023 as per the 'consumer's request' for permanent dismantlement. It is further indicated that the security deposit of petitioner i.e., an amount of Rs.72,48,550/- was adjusted towards the outstanding CC charges after the service was brought under bill-stopped status. Learned counsel for the respondents further submits that since the electricity service connection was already removed and there are no claim dues from the petitioner, no further orders required in this writ petition.

4. Having so recorded the said submissions, this Writ Petition is dismissed. However, the Petitioners are at liberty if they want to keep on the electricity service connection, they would submit application afresh, in accordance with law. No order as to costs.

5. Consequently, miscellaneous petitions pending, if any, shall also stand closed.

JUSTICE VENKATESWARLU NIMMAGADDA

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