

ANDHRA PRADESH ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
4th Floor, Singareni Bhavan, Red Hills, Hyderabad 500 004

I.A.No. 38 of 2015 in O.P.No. 7 of 2015
Dated: 13-11-2015

Present
Sri Justice G. Bhavani Prasad, Chairman
Dr. P. Raghu Member

Between:

Eastern Power Distribution Company of
Andhra Pradesh Limited

... Applicant

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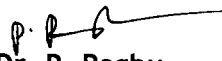
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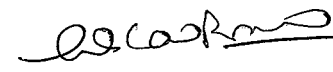
... Respondent

ORDER

Heard Sri B. Ramesh Prasad, Chief General Manager / Commercial, RA & PP of the applicant. The contention that incandescent bulbs in use should be returned in exchange of LED bulbs being provided under the DSM based Efficient Lighting Program (DELP) is a stipulation conceived by the applicant and the Energy Efficiency Services Limited, New Delhi themselves and not a condition imposed by this Commission in its common order dated 06-06-2015. Now, the authors of the scheme found such a stipulation to be resulting in forced purchase of ICLs by the consumers and in effect, resulting in increased demand for ICLs than reducing this demand or phasing them out from use. It is interesting to recall that Sri M. Thimma Reddy, one of the expert participants in the enquiry had foreseen this possibility even during the hearing. Anyhow, as the scheme is in the thick of its implementation and any ill-effects in its implementation have to be prevented during the course of its execution to the extent possible, the applicant is permitted not to insist on benefitted consumers surrendering incandescent bulbs before receiving LED bulbs until further orders on the main relaxation petition and this permission shall be subject to final orders that may be passed in the main relaxation petition.

This order is corrected and signed on this the 13th day of November, 2015.


Dr. P. Raghu
Member


Justice G. Bhavani Prasad
Chairman