

**COURT - I**

**IN THE APPELLATE TRIBUNAL FOR ELECTRICITY  
(Appellate Jurisdiction)**

**IA NOS. 269 & 270 of 2017 IN  
DFR No.1011 of 2017**

**Dated: 8<sup>th</sup> May, 2017**

**Present: Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Ranjana P. Desai, Chairperson  
Hon'ble Mr. I.J. Kapoor, Technical Member**

**In the matter of :**

**Bajaj Finserv Ltd. & Ors.**

**...Appellant(s)**

**Vs.**

**Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission & Anr.**

**...Respondent(s)**

Counsel for the Appellant(s) : Mr. Jafar Alam  
Mr. Vishal Binod

Counsel for the Respondent(s) : Mr. Buddy A.Ranganadhan for R-1  
Mr. Farman Ali for R-2

**ORDER**

**IA NOS. 269 of 2017  
*(Appl. for leave to file appeal)***

In this application, the applicants/appellants have prayed that it may be granted leave to file the instant appeal.

All the Respondents have been served. Mr. Buddy A. Ranganadhan appears on behalf of Respondent No.1 and Mr. Farman Ali appears on behalf of Respondent No.2.

We have heard learned counsel for the parties. For the reasons stated in the application, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, leave to file the instant appeal is granted. Application is disposed of.

**IA NO. 270 of 2017**  
***(Appl. for condonation of delay in filing)***

As per Registry there is 100 days delay in filing this Appeal. In this application, the applicants/appellants have prayed that delay in filing the appeal may be granted.

All the Respondents have been served. Mr. Buddy A. Ranganadhan appears on behalf of Respondent No.1 and Mr. Farman Ali appears on behalf of Respondent No.2.

We have heard learned counsel for the appellants. The primary reason for the delay is that the appellants were not party to the proceedings before the State Commission and they became aware of the impugned order when monthly bills imposing additional surcharge in terms of the impugned order were issued. On becoming aware of the impugned order time was taken to take necessary information from the twelve appellants for the purpose of drafting of the appeal and thereafter some time was taken to engage the counsel. In the circumstances, in our opinion the explanation offered in the application deserves to be accepted. Hence, delay in filing the appeal is condoned. Application is disposed of. Needless to say that the stay application will be considered on its own merits without being influenced by the fact that the delay in filing the appeal is condoned.

Registry is directed to number the appeal and list the matter for admission on **22.05.2017**.

**(I. J. Kapoor)**  
**Technical Member**

**(Justice Ranjana P. Desai)**  
**Chairperson**