

NHAI vs. Maya Devi

OMP (M) No. 24/2026

23.6.2026

Present: Ms. Sneh Bhimta, Advocate, vice counsel for the applicant.

Mr. Anirudh Sharma, Advocate, for respondent.

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The present application has been filed for condonation of delay in filing the main appeal. It has been averred in the application that even though copy of the impugned judgment, dated 17.03.2025 was applied by counsel for the applicant on 21.6.2025 and was delivered on 22.7.2025, however disposal of the case was not within the knowledge of the applicant as the same was never intimated to the applicant by its counsel/Law Firm i.e. M/s M.V. Kini & Co. Due to such inefficiency and lackadaisical attitude of the aforesaid Law Firm, cases were withdrawn from it. When the applicant inquired from all the Law Firms about pendency of all the cases pending in various Forums, it came to the knowledge of the applicant that objection petitions pertaining to Muhal Behlag have already been disposed of. Accordingly, prompt action was taken for preparation of the instant appeal. It has been further averred that the aforesaid delay is neither intentional nor deliberate, but has occurred due to unavoidable circumstances, which were beyond the control of the applicant.

Learned counsel for the respondent, on instructions, submits that he has no objection in case the application is allowed.

Consequently, in view of the reasons stated in the application, which is duly supported by an affidavit, coupled with submissions made by the learned counsel for the applicant, delay in filing the main appeal is condoned. Appeal be registered. Application stands disposed of.

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Admit. Send for the records. Learned counsel for the appellant is directed to supply a copy of entire paper-book to the learned counsel for the respondent during the course of the day.

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Be registered. Heard. Subject to the applicant's depositing entire awarded amount along with upto date interest in the Registry of this Court within a period of eight weeks from today, operation, implementation and execution of the impugned judgment as also the impugned arbitral award, shall remain stayed during the pendency of the appeal. Application stands disposed of.

(Romesh Verma)
Judge

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